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Chamber finishes year with \$19,000 deficit

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will likely have a deficit of \$19,000, partly because it believed this was necessary in order to promote the Highlands to a wider audience.

"Three years ago as an organization, we determined our marketing efforts weren't quite strong enough," said Bryan Brown, head of the Chamber's marketing committee in his presentation at Tuesday night's annual general meeting. As a result, the Chamber decided to beef up its efforts to promote the county, and this cost money.

"We projected we'd have to go into a deficit position for the first three years," Brown told the 40 people gathered at the Wigamog. "This (deficit) isn't by poor management, it's by design."

The financial report was given by Chamber treasurer Chad Irvine. The auditor, Hugh Nichol, has not yet been given the books for the year ending March 31, 1996, so Irvine prepared the statements for the AGM, which itself was about six weeks later than usual.

Irvine attributed the deficit to three main factors:

- the Destination Guide had a loss of \$10,000. (This year's contract puts the financial onus on the producer "so they can sink or swim on their own." Local companies did not bid on it even though they were given advance notice. The 1997 guide is expected to be out by mid-January)

- the Chamber had hired but not budgeted for office management services from the Haliburton County Development Corporation "to

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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The Sunday School classes at Lakeside Baptist Church held their Christmas pageant at the high school on Sunday morning. Young Jonah Wiley stole the show as the Baby Jesus, watched over by his "parents", Lindsay Plouffe as Mary and Adam Perecko as Joseph. Amy Potter, below, took part in a candlelight sing-along



'This was not my future'

But young mother is grateful for food bank's help this Christmas

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

This will be the first Christmas she'll have to go to the food bank for help.

It's not something the young mother dreamed she'd ever have to do.

But she and her husband are both out of work. And they have a three-year-old daughter to care for.

"This was not my future," she says. "If I can do anything about it, this is not the kind of situation I want to be in."

But with Christmas just a week away and no immediate

job prospects in sight, she has little choice.

And that's why places like the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton and Minden's Community Cupboard are so important.

Throughout the year they help hundreds of struggling people — mainly families — make ends meet.

And at Christmas, when the need for assistance skyrockets, the food banks help families share in the spirit of the holidays with a traditional dinner and small gifts.

The 4Cs food bank helps about 45 families during an average month.

But the demand for Christmas food boxes climbs more than five times that level.

Bruce James, who helps organize the food bank, says 4Cs volunteers prepared the packages for 250 families this Christmas.

That could translate to between 750 and 1,000 people benefiting from the donations of food, money and gifts that have been steadily given to the food bank this holiday season.

Each of the Christmas boxes contains various non-perishable food items, a ham, hand-wrapped gifts for children under 16 and a food voucher to buy

food for Christmas dinner.

James says he has been amazed by the community's generosity.

Without any publicly announced food drives or pleas for assistance, churches, schools, service clubs, companies and individuals come forward to make sure no one is left wanting at Christmas.

"The number of people between November 20 and December 20 each year who come in with donations of anywhere from \$10 to \$500 is absolutely overwhelming," says

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Although the advertising and editorial deadlines will not change, don't forget *The Echo* comes out a day early next week. Watch for all the news and Christmas Greetings on Mon., Dec. 23

The generous sprit of Christmas lives in the Highlands

Ever since October, participants with Sir Sandford Fleming College's academic upgrading course have been putting 50 cents into a can every time they have a cup of coffee. When asked if they wanted to spend the \$120 they had collected on a Christmas party, they declined. Instead, they've spent the money on toys to be included in the 4Cs Christmas food hampers.

The Echo staff's Christmas thank you list is getting longer and longer (and astute readers will be able to discern that most of our thanks revolve around food.) On

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

Monday, Sharon Dibblee kept us going through the long hours of laying out the paper with her plateful of cookies. Jean Potter spent the week baking so we could sustain the energy levels needed to prepare this week's paper. Her husband Doug undoubtedly helped out by testing the cookies and squares for us first. On Monday, days after all the Potters' goodies had been inhaled, Joyce Tait came to our rescue. A few weeks ago, Subway in Haliburton made us feel like we were attending a king's feast by the size of the party platter that arrived in the back room. Then, last Friday, our co-worker Les Feero declared it was National Chicken Bagel Day and he treated us to many of the last chicken bagels from General Lee's, the restaurant he and his wife Carol recently sold. To prove we aren't gluttons (or at least not all of the time), we'd also like to thank Marta Mihaldinecz for the beautiful pine wreath she made. Not only is it lovely to look at, but it smells like Christmas, too.

Thanks also to Varty's Jewellery, which has been sharing the spirit of Christmas through song. The Vartys take care of the music that can be heard from the loudspeakers on the village of Haliburton's main street. The music helps everyone get "in the mood" and makes it fun to scurry from store to store in preparation for Christmas.

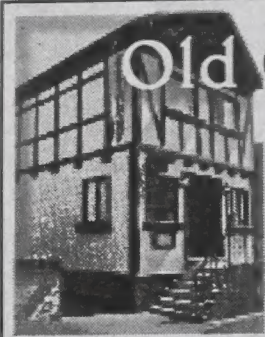
You can drive away with a car full of groceries, and you don't even have to own the car. Curry Motors, along with Haliburton IGA and Easton's valumart have come up with a unique raffle. If you can guess the value of the groceries in either of the two grocery-packed cars at the Curry showroom, you can win the groceries and the

three sponsors will donate an equal amount of food to the 4Cs. Of course, Curry Motors would also like it if you bought the car, but that's not one of the criteria for the raffle. No purchase is necessary so drop by the showroom with your calculator this week.

People who watched CTV's morning show last Tuesday saw that being energetic and active runs in the Rigney family. Susan Wright, who teaches physical education in Pickering, is the daughter of Ross and Lois Rigney of Canning Lake, and she was a guest on Canada AM to demonstrate with a group of students how kids can keep active during the day. She even had host Val Pringle up and moving. For those who attend Canning Lake's Fun Day, such, ahem, bossiness is familiar. Lois Rigney is a retired phys. ed. teacher and she has come up with a few wacky games for the adults to play - and if they don't want to, she has her ways of shaming them into it.

The more things change, the more they stay the same... Eva Howe of Haliburton dropped by the Echo office with a 1940 calendar she's been using for the past year. Her sister, Grace Stahle of Baptiste Lake, found the calendar in an old trunk about this time last year. The two women noted that the days in 1940 would be the same in 1996, so Mrs. Howe took it home. She's enjoyed it every day since, especially because it shows pictures of historic and cultural places of interest in the Kitchener/Waterloo area, where she once lived. Unfortunately, the two sisters did not find a 1941 calendar in the trunk, so she may have to get a new one this year.

Every autumn, people who drive along Hwy 118 near West Guilford hold their breath in hopes that the white swan once again returns to Grass Lake. We're glad to report, albeit belatedly, that the swan is indeed back for another winter.



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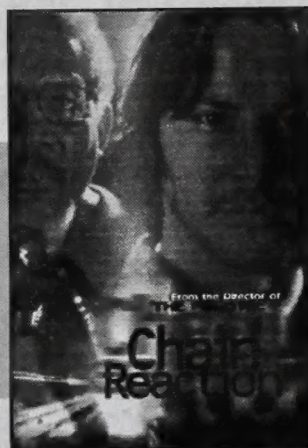
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Former MPP dies suddenly

Glen Hodgson had twin love of politics and Highlands' resources

by ECHO STAFF

A man who was born with a twin love of politics and the Highlands' bountiful natural resources died in his sleep at his home at Haliburton Lake on Thursday night.

Glen Hodgson, who was the MPP for Victoria-Haliburton from 1963 to 1975, had been suffering from heart disease. He was 70 years old.

Politics runs in the family blood. His father, Clayton, was the riding's MP from 1945 to 1963. When Glen was MPP, he sat at Queen's Park with his brother, Lou. His nephew, Chris, is presently the riding's MPP and Minister of Natural Resources. And after Glen lost the provincial election in 1975 to Liberal John Eakins, he shared his knowledge of the county as a Dysart et al councillor for five years.

Hodgson earned the respect of friends, colleagues and political opponents alike for his work ethic, dedication and honesty.

"I enjoyed some precious moments with Glen a few hours before his untimely death. A more honest and sincere individual you would not find," said Dysart Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey, whose friendship and political ties with Hodgson stretch back for nearly three decades.

Shortly before he died, Hodgson visited Fearrey at work to pick up a historical account of the county's logging industry Hodgson had recently finished writing.

As was the usual case, the pair's conversation eventually drifted to local politics.

"We were joking about how similar we both are because we've both had such a long-time interest in politics, and I said to Glen, 'You'll probably never give it up.' ... And he didn't. He stayed with it right to the end," Fearrey said.

Throughout his political career, and even after he officially retired from politics, Hodgson looked for innovative answers to the tough political problems.

"Glen Hodgson more than

anyone I ever met followed and analyzed every level of government action and was always thinking of solutions that were more fair, more compassionate and many times more futuristic," said Fearrey.

Though they were opponents in politics, former Liberal Victoria-Haliburton MPP John Eakins said he couldn't help but admire Hodgson.

"Glen and I fought some political wars together. He defeated me twice... But I have many happy memories of my association with Glen and I have a tremendous amount of respect for him," said Eakins, who went on to defeat Hodgson in 1975.

"He certainly was probably one of the most dedicated members of the Legislature that I know. He did a lot of work in the House and he had a tremendous amount of knowledge to offer."

Throughout their political debates or differences of opinion over the years, Hodgson "was always a gentleman," said Eakins.

"Even though we sat on opposite sides of the political fence so to speak, he was always the type of person you could share your personal thoughts with and he would respect your opinions."

Sinc Nesbitt knew Hodgson his whole life through their common ties to politics and the lumber industry.

"He was a good friend, one of the best friends you could have, really," said Nesbitt.

Hodgson was a partner in his family's Haliburton Lake lumber business and took it over when his father became the riding's MP.

Later on when he went into provincial politics, he too had to give up running the mill and it was closed.

"There's a walking textbook that's gone," says Steve Hill of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, which often relied on Hodgson to provide it with information on local history, especially the logging industry. Hodgson, who was on the museum's board, had started logging in the days when horses were used and watched it evolve to a



Former Victoria-Haliburton MPP Glen Hodgson

very modern enterprise.

Bob Stinson remembers benefiting from Hodgson's "behind-the-scenes" efforts, shortly after he and his wife moved to the Highlands in the early '70s.

Stinson said he was having problems dealing with a division of the Provincial government and someone suggested that he speak to Hodgson about it.

Coming from the city, where constituents seldom get the chance to meet their MPPs, Stinson was surprised at how accessible Hodgson made himself.

"He welcomed us into his home, listened to our problem and calmly agreed to see what he could do for us," Stinson recalled. "Glen never said any more about what he had or had not done, but I suddenly found the people that I was dealing with became much more co-operative."

Later on when Stinson was manager of the Chamber of Commerce, he got to know Hodgson much better.

The County had set up an

Economic Development Commission to be administered by the Chamber. Hodgson, who was out of provincial politics by then, was appointed chairman.

"It was Glen who found out about the funding that was available for the Economic Development Corporation and we put together an application to establish one here," Stinson said. "Both Glen and I were gone from the Chamber by the time it became a reality, but I don't think many people know that it was his initiative that got the ball rolling. I suspect there are many more things that he did for this community that he failed to receive credit for."

Although he had little formal education — a case of rheumatic fever when he was 12 and in Grade 10 made him prematurely leave school and he started work at age 14 — he seemed to have an almost photographic memory. He quickly consumed newspapers and books, and yet if you asked him a question about what he had read, he readily came up with an accurate answer. On

Dysart council, his knowledge of local affairs made him an invaluable resource. Rarely a topic arose for which he could not supply some background information.

In retrospect, on the afternoon before he died it seems that while his wife Shirley curled, Hodgson made the rounds of Haliburton village, dropping by many of the places he had been associated with over the years. Judging by the comments at Saturday's visitation at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, about 40 people saw him on Thursday.

One stop on his day's rounds was the Echo office to give us a story idea. He suggested we ask people "what was the best thing about '96" and he wanted to be the first to have an answer: the new opening in the fence between IGA and Valumart in Haliburton. "It was the cheapest item in the county and it was the best."

While here, he also offered advice to George Simmons, who has just been appointed by Chris Hodgson to head a Ministry of Natural Resources study on hunting tag allocations.

The senior Hodgson was against the MNR's new phone system for licences because, as he told Simmons who was here for an interview, "we need little businesses and the old licence system brought people into those businesses. You always bought something else when you were there. It's these little things that make a business and when we get away from it, we all suffer."

Mourning his loss are his wife of 45 years, Shirley Hamilton; his children Martin, Keith, Marianne Tighe, and Lenard; his daughters- and son-in-law, Patricia, Kim and Dwain; his grandchildren Leanne and Curtis Tighe and Adam Hodgson; and his siblings Douglas (Barbara) of Haliburton Lake, Anna (the late Vance English, Thomas (Marie) of Oshawa, Margaret (Don Downey) of Eganville and Lou of Haliburton Lake. He was pre-deceased by an infant brother, Clayton.

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CARING KIDS: JDHES students and staff donated many boxes of food to the 4Cs last week. Presenting the goods to Bob Thompson and Bruce James of the 4Cs are Kelly Dawson, Nicole Sisco and Ryan Wood.

Giving something back drives many who've used food bank

FROM page 1

James. "The support that we get from this community is really something special."

At first, it was difficult to overcome her pride and go to the 4Cs food bank for help, says the young mother.

Then in the summer she realized she had to put the needs of her family above her own feelings.

"I've dealt with it. You have to do what you have to do to put food on the table," she says.

But she's determined to do whatever it takes to become self-sufficient.

She's already begun classes to improve her education and hopefully help land a job.

The thought of being in the position to give something back to the food bank is what drives her.

"I hope some day to put back into it what I've taken out of it. That's my main objective," she says.

And that's a shared goal among many of the people who have used the food bank, says James.

"We find a lot of the people who have been helped by the 4Cs want to come back later to give something back. That's a common thread."

Another mother, also married with one young daughter, says her family will be able to have a happier Christmas, thanks to the generosity of the community and the dedication of the volunteers at the 4Cs.

"There have been years that we've needed to ask for the Christmas hamper and years that we didn't. And the years that we did it's been a wonderful help."

This Christmas she and her husband had been hoping to be able to get by without the food bank's help.

But when unexpected financial problems came up, they were grateful to be able to turn to the 4Cs.

"It really touches your heart when you're going through hard times or someone is sick or you just can't come up with it, and they're able to help," she says.

"They don't get enough thanks and they do so much. There's a lot of beautiful things happening in there and it needs to be told."



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Jim Winn of Bell Canada's Haliburton office (left) presents a donation of \$200 to Murray Tripp of the 4Cs, right, as Mark McGrath and Greg Coumbs look on. The donation will go towards the food bank's Christmas hamper program.

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Stanhope trail proposal sparks opposition

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A plan of Stanhope council to create a permanent hiking trail along the Boshkung River to the one of the area's best-known natural attractions has raised the objections of several neighbouring property owners.

At a meeting last month Stanhope ordered the owners of three adjacent properties to remove fences and other barriers blocking the public's access to the Buckslides along a

municipally owned shore road allowance.

The property owners were given until last Friday to take down the barriers. Otherwise, council warned it would take the necessary legal action to see they are removed.

And going a step further, the municipality announced plans to make a hiking trail past the properties to ensure people can walk unobstructed to the Buckslides along what is said to be an original portage route.

Council has since received several letters of objection to the proposal from the three property owners, as well as other adjacent landowners.

Among their concerns, the objectors say a hiking trail could reduce their property values, infringe on their enjoyment of their properties and pose safety risks.

Margo Collingham, the trustee for the Ann Johnson estate, has hired a lawyer to fight the trail proposal on her behalf. The municipality has also decided to bring its

lawyer into the dispute.

"We will submit all of these letters to our solicitor and ask for his advice before we take action on our next step," Reeve Jock Mavor said last week.

As of Wednesday — two days before the deadline the property owners had been given to take their fences off the municipality's land — all of the barriers remained in place, Mavor said.

"To the best of my knowledge the obstructions have not yet been removed as of this date," he said.

Councillor Ann Barker said the long-running dispute over access to the Buckslides along the municipality's road allowance "is getting out of hand."

"This is costing us money in the hands of our lawyer," agreed deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison. "... Hopefully he'll be able to come up with something that ends this once and for all because lawyers' fees are not cheap."

Roads workers back to full-time schedule

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Stanhope roads employees are back working five days a week after having their hours scaled back to a four-day schedule for close to two months.

The municipality has used "minor surpluses" from its waste management and fire department budgets to help reinstate the five workers to full-time status, said Reeve Jock Mavor.

An unusually mild fall with very little snow has also left the roads department's finances in better shape than the municipality had anticipated, he said.

As well, the province recently gave the municipality word that it would provide some funding for Stanhope's fire department to purchase equipment to perform ice and water rescues.

The municipality had already allocated \$6,000 in the fire department's budget to buy the equipment.

The unexpected grant has allowed the municipality to take some funds from the fire department's overall operations budget and add it into the roads budget.

Under the new agreement, the roads workers will be working full-time at least until March, when the municipality will re-examine the situation.

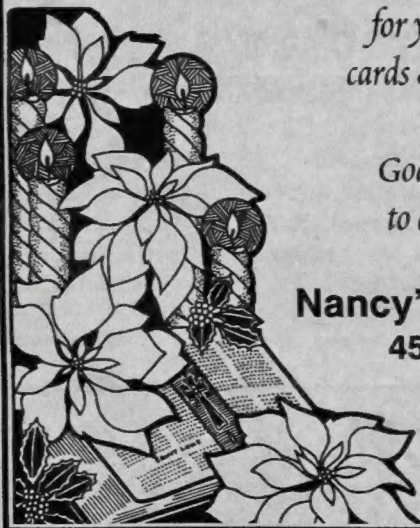
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Fighting city hall

Len Foster wants the Ministry of Health to hand over money it has already approved for local projects to help the mentally ill

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Len Foster is like most Haliburtonians, hoping Christmas can be a time of great feasts and special treats.

But he's fighting the Ministry of Health to make sure that people with serious mental illness get the present they deserve: the Minister signing the cheques for Community Investment Funding initiatives.

After spending three years going through the proper channels, sitting on the appropriate committees, filling out the appropriate applications to improve mental health services in Haliburton County, Foster simply felt he could not wait any more.

"This government and the previous one are just not as honest and forthright as they should be. They have to keep their promises."

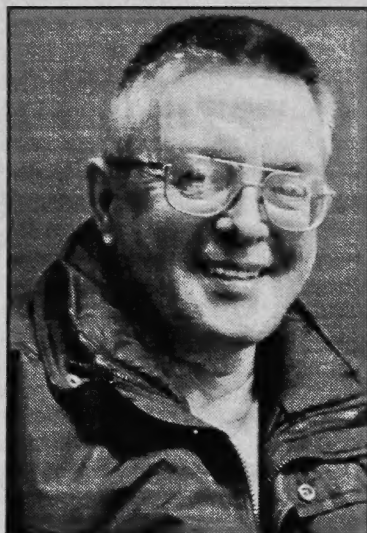
Foster, who has a mental illness, sometimes travels to Toronto for treatment. "When you see what's out there, it's scary."

On a local level, he's sat on

the District Health Council committee that successfully applied for funding for two therapists/intensive case managers through the province's Community Investment Fund. These therapists would help address the needs of the seriously mentally ill.

The application was first channelled through SIRCH, which oversaw the counselling centre at the time, but responsibility has since been handed over to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, which recently opened the new centre in Minden. The Ministry received all final paperwork by the August 31 deadline and the money was supposed to start flowing in September.

And he doesn't think that the transfer of responsibility from SIRCH to HHSS is a good excuse for delaying the funding for two therapists. Although they have the approval on paper, the cheque's still not in the mail. He resigned all his committee seats because it's not the committees, or the local mental health clinic, that he's upset with. It's the Ministry of Health.



Len Foster

"They're downsizing psychiatric hospitals, cutting the number of beds, and the idea was to set up clinics in communities across the province," he says. Locally, the committee acted in good faith to ascertain local needs and apply for funding. For the past three years, he's devoted hundreds of hours of his time and now he feels it's time for results.

"We worked like crazy.

They're spending millions collecting this data and studying it when they've already authorized the money."

Having worked on the local and district level, he has no complaints about the local services or organizations. He now feels he needs to reach the people making the decisions at the ministry level.

"They don't seem to be committed (to providing the money.) They talk a lot about it but I don't think they're committed. You can say you're committed but actions speak louder than words."

The local counselling centre is expecting the funding to arrive shortly, but the turmoil at the Ministry office after the Minister's resignation last week isn't making things easier.

"I've got a lot of faith and that helps me," says June Partridge, who sits on the mental health co-ordinating committee and is chairperson of the county group that put forward the CIF proposal in conjunction with SIRCH. "I can't believe the Ministry will see a program not get money when they just helped a year-

long process to get it started. I don't think they'll let it fall through the cracks... I'm not too uptight yet because I feel we're in a holding pattern."

It is her understanding that only two programs have actually had the money forwarded.

On Saturday, Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson said the acting Minister of Health plans to make an announcement "very shortly" regarding \$200,000 in funding for CIF initiatives in Haliburton County.

In total, the province will announce nearly \$1.2-million in funding for six CIF projects in Haliburton and Victoria Counties, Hodgson explained.

"We're getting a whole lot of money in this riding," he said.

"From what I've heard the government's been slow to flow the money," says Foster Loucks, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. "It's my understanding the letter's literally on the Minister of Health's desk and will be signed any day."

Len Foster wants "any day" to be today.

Wheelchair access will cost thousands at HHSS

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

It will cost Haliburton's school board at least \$36,000 to make the high school wheelchair accessible, according to one estimate.

Business administrator Jim Bradley told trustees at a recent meeting he's aware of just two Ontario companies that supply electric lifts to transport people in wheelchairs up and down stairways.

One of the companies estimated it would cost roughly \$34,500 to install two lifts at the high school, plus an addi-

tional \$2,000 for necessary electrical equipment.

The other company also plans to give the board an estimate, said Bradley.

The board is quickly trying to make the school fully accessible in anticipation of a growing number of students in wheelchairs.

There is already one student at the school who uses a wheelchair, but is not confined to it.

In February another student who is confined to wheelchair will begin classes at HHSS. The board expects a third student who relies on a wheelchair to start

at the high school in September.

It appears the lifts, which can carry one student in a wheelchair at a time, may be the most practical solution to the school's poor accessibility.

Ramps are more problematic because they take up so much space and may force the board to undertake other major design changes, such as removing lockers and moving fire doors.

An architect was to examine the school on Thursday to determine if building ramps would be possible.

There's a slim chance the board may be able to get provincial funding to help

cover the expense of improving access at the high school, said Bradley.

If the Ministry of Education offers facility renewal funding in 1997, as it did this year, the board would be able to apply for grant money.

Bradley said it could take up to six months for the board to receive lifts, which would have to be custom-built to fit the school.

There are three small stairways at the high school. Ramps or lifts at two of them would make the entire building accessible.

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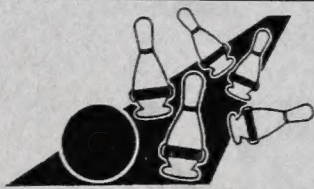
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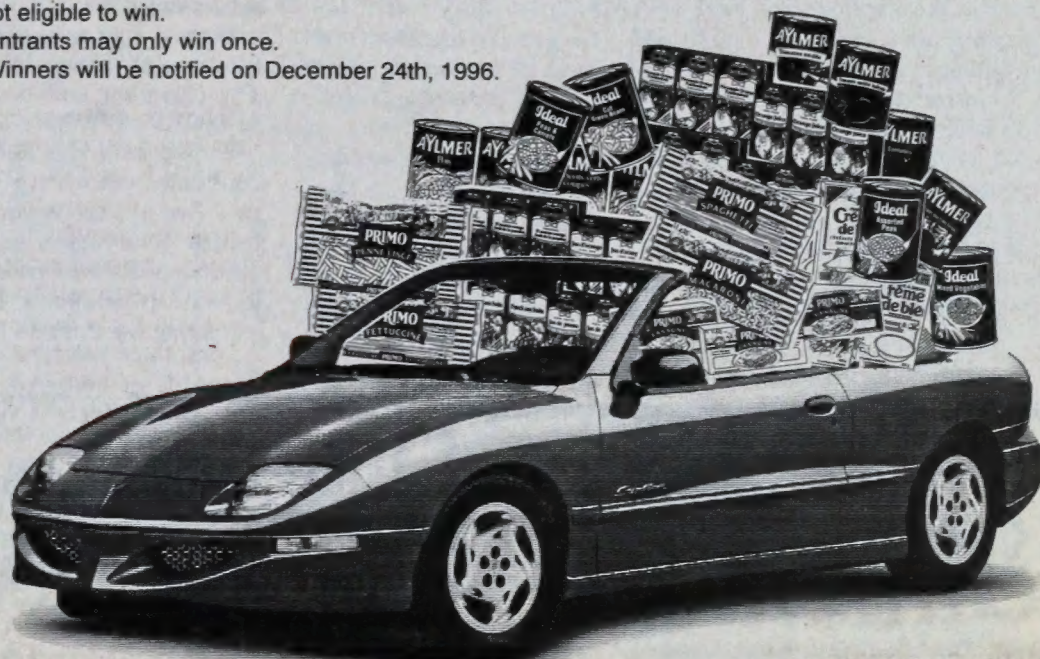
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Province grounds plan for foreign pilots to fly directly to Stanhope

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Stanhope's application to give foreign pilots clearance to fly directly to the municipal airport without first clearing customs has been grounded.

The federal government designates some airports as CANPASS service points, enabling pre-authorized foreign pilots to land their and go through customs by telephone.

Stanhope has been trying to get the necessary designation for several months.

But Revenue Canada, which handles the applications, said Stanhope's airport doesn't meet the criteria for approval.

An airport must be within 100 kilometres of a full-service customs office to be approved as a CANPASS service point.

But Revenue Canada says Stanhope's airport is 170 kilometres from the two nearest

customs offices in Barrie and Peterborough.

However, Stanhope councillors disputed the government's distance figures, arguing the airport is much closer to both of the centres.

"They're looking for an excuse not to grant the application," said reeve Jock Mavor.

"It's 122 kilometres from my door to Civic Hospital (in Peterborough)," councillor Murray Daniels maintained.

Airport manager Dennis LaFleur said a representative from the Ministry of Transportation told him the municipality might still be able to get its application approved if it continues to pressure the federal government.

As well, LaFleur said he was told it might help of the municipality can locate another CANPASS airport that is more than 100 kilometres from a customs office.

Chamber hopes to get out of red in two years

FROM page 1

keep the office running securely while we searched for permanent staff"

• and because of the increased marketing efforts, inquiries reached new highs and mailing costs "were up to the tune of \$5,000".

The Chamber is forecasting a surplus of \$5,000 this year and then \$15,000 next year "in order to get our fiscal house in order," Irvine said.

When Ross Rigney asked if this surplus included the deficit, Irvine said it didn't. The Chamber will carry forward its accumulated deficit.

Rigney also asked about the fundraising dance in October. The Chamber ended up losing \$5,000 on the venture.

Brown said the deficit was "difficult... but when you set targets, we are far beyond establishing ourselves as a preferred destination." The Chamber is on its way to balancing its books and attracting three to five times

more visitors, he said.

One of the main marketing efforts is attendance at trade shows, and the Chamber booth was at eight this year, including the Markham Snowmobile Show, the Cottage Life Show, the Toronto Ski Show and the Toronto Fishing Show. More than half a million people attended these shows "and we were there in a very strong presence."

Other marketing efforts include a Muskoka/Haliburton Report on Rock 95, which includes a full list of events; four or five "live remote" events with Rock 95; an Area 5 Snowmobile Report, which includes Haliburton, every day for 12 weeks on The Wolf radio; a full page ad in the Michigan Snowmobiler, which reaches the highest concentration of snowmobile owners in the United States; co-op advertising in the Toronto Sun, the Cross Country Ski association newsletter and Canada Journal; 55,000 copies of the Destination Guide; and participation in the Southern Ontario Snowmobile Initiative, which sends scout teams out to the various areas. The Chamber also helped staff information booths in Cardiff and Gooderham so these areas "wouldn't be left out in the cold."

These endeavours

have earned increased interest in the Highlands, Brown said. There were a record 7,000 walk-in inquiries, many from people who hadn't been here before, and 10,000 telephone inquiries. Of those, 7,000 were using the 1-800 number.

One woman asked if any of the organizations which include the 1-800 on their promotions, such as the Minden Sled Dog Derby, pay the Chamber for the service. Brown said that they didn't, and she suggested they should.

In the board elections, there were no new nominations so in essence, the board remains the same, with the exception of John Gunning, who has resigned: Connie Sims, president; Carol Dewey, vice-president; Wayne Cowling, secretary; Chad Irvine, treasurer; Larry Tupling, director-at-large; and Bryan Brown, Doug Mitchell, Anthony vanLieshout, Keith McAllister, Steve Crowe, David Bishop, Marion Teatro and Don Hodgins.

The meeting attracted few of the general membership. Of the 40 people present, approximately one-quarter were board members and six were from Agnews Store, which was being honoured as business of the year. In the president's address, which was read by Doug Mitchell in Connie Sims' absence, it was hoped that more members would come out and volunteer on the Chamber's various committees.

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Fate of Family Services comes together with new funding plan

■ *Provincial move ends possibility of board dissolving*
by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The fate of Family Services of Haliburton County has been sealed by the province. But contrary to the board's previous fears, that fate will be quite positive. The Ministry of Community and Social Services recently

announced that it will flow funding for various children's services through the board, not the current sponsoring agencies. Over the past few months, most of those agencies had said they no longer wanted to be amalgamated under Family Services' roof, threatening to put an end to the board's role and dreams. This latest move by the ministry seems to leave little room for manoeuvring since it is the main funding source for most of the services: the Social Action Committee's Access to Integration and Case Co-ordination programs; the provincially-funded part of SIRCH's Parent Support Services; Infant

Development; and Kinark Child and Family Services. The Children's Aid Society had wanted to be part of the amalgamation, but the Ministry will not transfer the child welfare designation to the new board. Both the CAS and Family Services are still committed to integration of services at the operation level. "I feel badly that we were not able to reach a complete consensus with all other agencies," says Lon Duncombe, president of the Family Services board. "However, the board believes very strongly, and this belief is backed by numerous studies, that this amalgamation is in the best interests of families and

children in Haliburton County. "We are determined to co-operate to the fullest extent possible under the circumstances with all other agencies to ensure this amalgamation will proceed with a minimum of disruption and dislocation for clients and staff." The seed for amalgamation was planted with what became known as the Bark Lake Accord, signed in 1993 after all parties willingly dedicated themselves to amalgamation. A press release says "a feasibility study, conducted in 1992, found that many families had difficulty finding the service they needed. Where more than one type of assistance was required, families often had to deal with a myriad of systems and numerous service providers. The agencies involved in this process are to be commended for their leadership in this restructuring initiative and their commitment to quality service. The community can take pride in being among the first in the province to look to system changes as a critical means of improving services." Although some of the divesting agencies had since reversed their support of amalgamation, saying they are doing a better job of co-ordinating services without any formal umbrella agency, Duncombe says that amalgamation is necessary if

local agencies are going to withstand pressure to amalgamate with agencies in nearby counties. "We have no option but to go ahead with amalgamation," he says. "Restructuring has been going on in the Ministry, like every other agency and from what I gather (the Ministry's plan to streamline services) will marry very closely to what Family Services has in place. We're ahead of the game to the extent this happened a couple of years ago." If local amalgamation does not take place, "we're afraid the Ministry will come in and do things their way." Their way may be amalgamation with services in Victoria and Peterborough, which would mean Haliburton might get one or two seats on a very large board, therefore diluting local input in the decision-making process. Meanwhile, the board's challenges may extend beyond building bridges with the agencies it is about to take over. Duncombe has heard rumours that family service agencies are "looking at double digit cut-backs." Still, there is a "tremendous amount" of work to be accomplished before amalgamation is completed. Family Services has already begun a search for an executive director.



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Editorial

In search of the niceness gene

FORGET ABOUT TOURISM. Forget about forestry. Forget about attracting the baby boomer bulge that's about to retire. Haliburton County's real potential for growth is genetic research. Some huge multinational company should set up a scientific research lab on the shores of one of the Highlands' lakes and begin trying to clone the gene for niceness that seems so abundant in the people here.

This idea came to mind at last Tuesday night's annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber itself may be \$19,000 in the hole, but as someone said, the county is rich with the generosity of spirit of some of its more special citizens. On Tuesday night, a handful of those citizens were feted: Bob Thompson of the 4Cs and the Agnew family of Wilberforce. Listening to the long list of their accomplishments, it was yet another reminder of the huge debt of gratitude we owe to the people who so unselfishly commit their time and their talents to making this a better place for all of us to live in.

Now, there are those who would question the use of "unselfish commitment" when describing a family who owns a store. Cynics would say business owners are in it for the money, for profit, for personal gain. Obviously, those cynics haven't met the Agnews. Granted, the Agnews do ask you to pay for the items you carry out of their Wilberforce store, but many of their profits are plowed back into the community as a way of saying thanks for the support. One example was their way of coping with the death of Fred Agnew a few years ago. They turned their private grief into a public celebration of Fred's life by sponsoring a hockey tournament in honour of his memory. As individuals, the Agnews touch every facet of community life. There is probably not a committee or organization or activity which does not have one of them involved as volunteers or participants.

All that aside, what's amazing about the Agnews is how happy they are. Whether they feel it inside or not, they always have a smile on their face, a cheery grin, an automatic reflex to say "yes, of course." They've never heard of "just say no." They work long hours, and seem to have a mental block about the concept of retirement. Ross, who's in his 80s, still manages the hardware side of the business. His brother Murray, the Wilberforce postmaster, has long been collecting his old age pension and his wife Aileen has juggled work, home, children and grandchildren with the ease of circus performer. Three of Murray and Aileen's children work at the store, (son Philip coaches) and their grandchildren have spent their summers helping out, too. And they all just keep on smiling.

Turning to Bob Thompson, here's a man who has always worked quietly in the background, never expecting praise or recognition as he performs what he feels is his Christian duty. Non-judgmental, unbiased, he takes seriously the Bible's edict to feed and clothe the poor. As the head of the 4Cs, and the man who for many years was responsible for the Christmas food drive, he balanced compassion with pragmatism, earning the trust and respect of the entire community. Of course, since he also had to feed his own family of six, he had to work hard earning a living. It's fitting that one of his first professions was as an orchard owner, because he has tended the wellbeing of the people around him with equal commitment and perseverance.

Even though such people as Bob Thompson and the Agnews never expect praise, they certainly deserve it. That's what makes the Highlander of the Year and the Business of the Year awards so important as a tradition. The county needs this non-political way of recognizing the people who do so much for others and we all should take the time to congratulate the recipients. At this time of year especially, we should also ask ourselves if there's anything we can do to try to be a bit more like them.

M.P.



Freeze-up begins

by Len Pizze

Letters to the Editor

Santa appreciated welcome during Haliburton's parade

To the Editor:

Carol Stewart recently found this letter on the steps of the Haliburton Post Office.
Ho! Ho! Ho! A great big thank you to all the children

who came to greet me on my arrival in Haliburton. I saw all your happy faces and I heard you wishing me a Merry Christmas and telling me you've been good all year. I won't forget you. Santa loves all of you.

I also want to congratulate all the organizations and businesses who put time and effort into making my arrival a special event. Santa knows who you are - some of you aren't very big and some of you haven't been in town very long but you did a fine job.

I wish many of the larger employers had participated - the ones with vehicles at their dis-

posal, contacts with large producers, several staff in their employ. Most of you do participate in community events during the year (some more than others) but my "Welcome Parade" is for the children. Especially the ones who "believe".

Please put your thinking caps on next fall and help my arrival to be more special than ever. I'll be watching to see who really tries. Ho! Ho! Ho! Have a safe and Merry Christmas.

Santa Claus,
North Pole

PineStone's troubles have big ripple effect

To the Editor:

Martha Perkins' review of the PineStone's financial trouble misleads one into thinking that the impact on the community at large is negligible.

Several local businesses have indeed been 'stung' as the Echo so aptly describes it. Some have been stung for many thousands of dollars and there is no chance this money can be recouped. Most businesses in this area can ill afford this type of loss and one of the few ways of recovering is to lay off employees. Another would be to cut back on expansion or put off any major expenditures for a couple of years.

It may be "business as usual" at the PineStone, but the repercussions will be felt for some time in terms of a few less jobs to go around and less money to spend within the community.

Linda Kay,
Haliburton

MNR plan protects Temagami's forests

The so-called "Temagami issue" keeps us awfully busy these days.

I've appeared on Global-TV's Focus Ontario to explain the issue, and was also interviewed by television reporters for a four-part documentary. That's not to mention the countless interviews I've done with television, newspaper and radio reporters.

Oddly enough, I always find that once the issue is spelled out, reasonable people realize that we've adopted a sound approach that is good for Temagami. Our plan for Temagami protects ALL of the representative old-growth pines



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PARK REPORT

Chris Hodgson

in Temagami, will increase the number of pines in Temagami over time, and sets land-use decisions that allow the people in Temagami to get on with their lives.

Temagami, for those who don't know, is an area in north-eastern Ontario that has been mired in controversy for more than 20 years. Much of the area had been closed to any mineral

See PLAN page 11

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Oh, Christmas tree

THE TREE IS finally up! It doesn't really matter how disorganized or overwhelmed I am feeling by the season, when the Christmas tree goes up, I start to get the Christmas feeling. I still don't have all the presents bought and wrapped or all the baking done but at least now the house looks and smells festive.



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

We have a real tree and as I say every year, I think it is the best one ever. I think that is part of the challenge of having a real tree, to try to find one that resembles as closely as possible a really nice fake tree. Let's face it, no tree in the forest ever has the shape, the style, the majesty of those we see in glossy magazines. But once you get that poor Charlie Brown-looking tree home, it is amazing what transformations can take place.

This year we were able to find one that had a nicely thickened top with a somewhat sparser bottom (I should be so lucky!). Due to the lack of snow, getting to the tree wasn't the expedition it sometimes is and I'd say within half an hour, we had our prey roped, tied and settled on the car and were headed for home. It only took some minor cosmetic surgery, a nip there, a tuck here and we had ourselves a tree worthy of Canadian Living.

Part of our Christmas tradition with the tree includes talking about other years and other trees we've had. When the box with the ornaments comes out, I always say, "You know what my favourite part of decorating the tree is?", to which everyone else replies, "When we look at all the decorations and say where we got them". And so we take out each one and the kids talk about when we got them and which are their own special ones. We have ornaments from Grandma each year, angels from Nana's house and others we have collected. They all seem to have a little history attached to them which is recounted as they are attached to the tree.

This year Max came of age and joined the fraternity of others who tackle the dreaded Christmas lights. As Kirk was drilling holes to insert a few more branches here and there, Max said that he would check the lights. After only five minutes we heard him cry, "This is a nightmare!" He was finally able to untangle the various strands and after taking stock of the situation, came to the conclusion that we needed more bulbs. An emergency trip to the store remedied the situation and Max had the lights up and running in no time.

The girls were waiting in the wings, rather like racehorses in the gate, just bursting to start putting the decorations on. Predictably, Sophie covered most of the tree area closer to the floor, while Siobhan was very artistic in her placement. Max sat a little farther back and directed where things were especially needed to cl, it turned out quite well and when we turned off all of the lights in the living room and plugged in the tree, there was a collective gasp from all of us. Sophie said "Oh, its sooo pretty!" and we all agreed. The kids are thrilled they get to do it all over again at Grandma and Grandpa's house.

At this time of reflection and recollection, my wish for everyone in Haliburton and all over the world is good health, happiness and prosperity, that we may recognize how rich our lives are, be thankful for our many blessings, and to cherish those around us. Merry Christmas to one and all and see you in the New Year.

Plan bans clear-cutting

FROM page 10

staking activity because of outstanding land-claim challenges. Environmentalists have protested in the area and former NDP leader Bob Rae and local MPP Dennis Drainville were arrested there in 1989. (In fact, in the land-use plan I announced in June, the site was designated as parkland. No cutting or mining are allowed there).

One thing that became clear was that provincial politicians shouldn't be dictating the answers. That was why the former Liberal government appointed a local group to study land use in Temagami, a process that was continued by the NDP.

After seven years of study that included open houses and public input, the Comprehensive Planning Council (CPC) reached decisions that were based in science and sensitive to the wide variety of concerns. Rather than looking at the age of the trees, the CPC examined entire ecosystems, selecting representative old-growth sites that

should be protected.

Using those recommendations, I announced a land-use plan in June that ensures the protection and sustainability of red and white pines in Temagami. More than 300,000 hectares of land in Temagami are in protected and special-management units.

We went beyond the CPC's recommendations and increased the number of old-growth red and white pines that are protected. We expanded the size of the area covered in Temagami's seven provincial parks. There is absolutely no clear-cutting of old-growth pines allowed anywhere in Temagami. And as was mentioned earlier, all of the 12 representative old-growth sites identified by the CPC for protection are being protected.

Let's be clear - this is the largest protection plan for Temagami in Ontario's history.

Detailed information about Temagami is available at my constituency office, and is also available on the Internet at www.venturenorth.com/temagami/



Pic of the Past

They say that Haliburton is a hockey town and this pictures shows people have been saying it for a long time. The photo, likely taken in 1952, shows the Haliburton Huskies in the old, wooden Haliburton arena. From left are: front row: Harry Brohm, Ken Carnochan, Boyd Robertson,

Ed Saborin, Jim Henry, Mark Schell and Stuart Baker. Back row: Coach Jack Austin, Bud Dart, Grant Robertson, Joe Iles, Mark Scheffee, Murray Austin, Al Blanchard and Wally Chambers. Our thanks to Betty Austin of Haliburton for sharing it with us.

The evolution of time

According to the godfather of communism, Karl Marx, global society follows 'scientific' laws in its evolution. Individuals are supposedly powerless to change our collective future in any significant way, and we can only submit to the inevitable, impersonal forces of history. It is one of history's supreme ironies that communism, in its Russian incarnation at least, was instituted by Lenin, corrupted by Stalin, dismantled by Gorbachev and eventually outlawed by Yeltsin.

A more hopeful and interesting take on social change is contained in Ray Bradbury's marvelous short story, "A Sound of Thunder". In this tale a time traveller journeys back to prehistoric times and accidentally steps on a butterfly. On his return to the present day he finds everything - politics, language, even clothing - subtly changed. This one tiny act of carelessness had reverberated down through the ages with unexpected consequences. In Bradbury's we are all the fashioners of our own future, perhaps to a greater extent than we realize.

Although the truth may lie



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

Histories heavies have ruined the lives of unborn generations and permanently altered the future course of events.

somewhere between Marx and Bradbury, without a doubt ordinary people CAN change the world; it's part of what makes us human. History's heavies have ruined the lives of unborn generations and permanently altered the future course of events. The relatively few saints of history have likewise left their mark. In our own time, Nelson Mandela, with his amazing ability to forgive his jailers and join hands with his former enemies, has spared South Africa years of bloodshed and civil war. Terry Fox's historic struggle against cancer and the apathy of Canadian society, will be remembered long after the rest of us are gone. On the other hand how many of us remember the Trans-Canada pipeline dis-

pute of the mid-'50s that helped to bring a Canadian government down? Big news then, perhaps, but all that hot air of 40 years ago has vanished without a trace, the issues that so divided the country totally forgotten.

It may therefore be time well spent to consider how our present actions are going to affect the future of our community. In the last analysis our need for goods and property will be reduced to a casket and a few square feet of ground, the time consuming and energy wasting details of firewood wars and village rivalries long forgotten and buried with us. Not that we have to be superhuman to make a difference.

Who does not remember a great teacher, one who helped us see reality a bit differently and in so doing subtly changed our lives to some degree forever? In fact all those involved in the community - parents, friends, clergymen, social workers and others - control a part of its future, and help create the society of tomorrow, for better or for worse. If we all have this power, and we do, then let's use it wisely.

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by Charlie Teljeur



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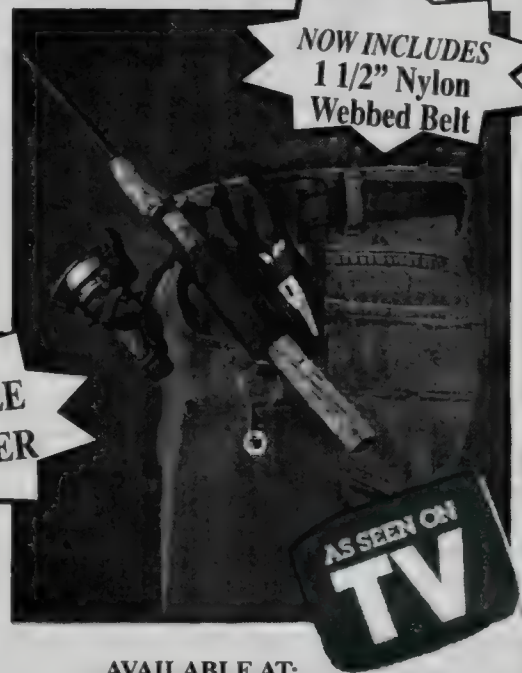
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Taking aim at Ontario's moose tag dilemma:

Irondale's George Simmons appointed to help MNR balance conservation against moose hunting pressure

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When George Simmons was a student at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, he was expelled for taking two weeks off school to go to his family's hunt camp near Irondale.

A few decades later, the son of the principal who expelled him has appointed Simmons to help solve the Ministry of Natural Resources' hunting tag allocation problems.

"There was a mass exodus of students at hunting time and the school's grants were based on attendance so the school board decided any absenteeism needed a medical certificate," Simmons recalls of his high school days. But his family had a hunt camp and with his father on a disability pension, "the income from the hunters and the meat was important to us."

So when young George returned to school after working at the hunt camp, his mother was honest about the reason for his absence. As a result, Doug Hodgson, the school's principal, suspended him until the end of the month.

It is probably such experiences which led Doug's son Chris, who's the Minister of Natural Resources, to appoint Simmons to figure out how to improve the hunting tag allocation system for deer and moose. Almost two-thirds of hunters say they are against the present system and especially in the north, they would have been highly suspicious of any "southern bureaucrat" sent in to study the problem, Simmons says.

"When I made an appearance at Thunder Bay, the respect for reviews is not high," he says,

adding that the first question he was asked was "are you a hunter?"

Why is that important? "Because you have been through all the problems, you know the demands of hunters, but also you can look at conservation — you want a resource left for your children and grandchildren..."

"It's a hunters' problem and I want hunters to solve it."

One of the solutions would be to have hunters help the MNR do a better job of setting guidelines. With cutbacks, the MNR does not have the resources to do aerial surveys of deer populations so "until we as hunters help provide the MNR with information, the unknown is out there."

For instance, in certain areas,

"You can't give more tags. Every individual hunter can't shoot a moose in Ontario"

GEORGE SIMMONS

hunters have noticed that with most of the bucks gone, they now see only dry does with no fawns.

Simmons believes in hunting as an important tradition to uphold. However, at most camps the average age is 42 and there are not as many young people. Asked why hunting should not therefore be allowed to die a natural death, he says "it's a heritage that through the ages is being lost. The intensity with which I hunted is not there with my children..."

"Being raised on a mixed farm, having to kill the beef, the pigs, the chickens, I see that killing is a necessity. Because kids go to McDonalds, they don't know where the meat comes from. We've neglected to give them a lot of basic necessities of survival."

Protecting hunters' rights must also mean protecting deer and moose populations. At present, there are 110,000 hunters and 20,000 moose tags. Some hunters will argue that the solution is to hand out more tags, but Simmons knows already that's impossible.

"You can't give more tags. Every individual hunter can't shoot a moose in Ontario," he says. Part of that's for conservation reasons, and it's partly a reflection of the changing economy. Few people need an entire moose to help feed the family. Why can't a group of hunters share the meat?

Some regions already have group hunting systems and while Simmons says that's a good idea, "you've got to adapt to the regions."

"The problem is so immense that if I can improve the system by one or two things, that should be all everyone's looking for," he says. His report, which is due April 30, "won't be

what everyone wants but it will take into consideration the majority of hunters' concepts and the conservationists' concepts. (The system) will be improved for the next generation."

Already Simmons has met with officials of the Ontario Conservation Officers Executive, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Hunters Big Game Committee and the Ontario Hunt Camps Association. In weeks to come he will spend a lot of time in the north.

Interested members of the public and hunting groups can also submit their input and recommendations in writing directly to: George Simmons, General Delivery, Irondale, K0M 1X0. Submissions may also be sent by fax to 705-755-2508.



George Simmons

Minor Tykes face a Rocket attack

After obliterating the competition in the first half of the season, the Husky Minor Tykes have been moved to a different loop of teams, and on Tuesday night they did battle with the Wilberforce Rockets.

The first period was action-packed, with wave after wave of Rocket attacks thwarted by the unbelievable goaltending of David (the Cat) Pereko. Finally in the dying seconds of the period Wilberforce solved the

mystery of the Cat and opened the scoring with a goal-mouth scramble that Pereko didn't have a chance on. The Huskies came roaring back with a breakaway goal by James Roberts to tie it up early in the second, and had some good chances to go ahead but couldn't quite finish the play.

Wilberforce took the lead again at 8:06 of the second and the Huskies never recovered going on to lose 6-1.

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PeeWee Huskies search for "Silver Stick" progressing

Scent gets intense after consecutive tournament wins

by JIM CHALMERS

Haliburton's OMHA PeeWee Huskies went back to back with tournament wins at Bancroft and Wasaga Beach the past two week-ends and appear primed to advance in Silver Stick regional playdowns as a result.

At "the Beach", the Huskies went undefeated for the second time in a week as Pool A winners will return for a one-game showdown with the Pool B qualifier on January 4. The winner moves on to a tournament of regional champions near Sarnia in late January. The prestigious Silver Stick award is something akin to a search for the Holy Grail of minor hockey pennants.

In Bancroft the Huskies "came together as a team" according to one coach - capturing their first tournament of the year as an "A" Champion with one goal allowed on the day. Contrary to what some opponents wanted to believe, the

Huskies were not an "AA" centre. They can, at times, play like one though.

Ryan Chalmers and Andrew Sachs had shutouts behind a toughened-up defence of Logan Roberts, Jamie Doan, Adam Henry, Chris Petrow and Shane Campbell.

St. Paul's of Peterborough and the host Bancroft Jets dropped 2 - 0 and 4 - 0 decisions to the Huskies while a second Peterborough club managed to score one and gave up four in the final. Offensively Haliburton played with finesse and imagination: a lot of Cooper-Wilson/Wilson-Cooper stuff mixed in with a bit of Jamie Luck and Ryan Wood. Along with improving role players like Scot Curry, Travis Bain and Chris Nimigon, that spelled a winner.

The astute presence of Walt McKechnie behind the bench in support of Rick Wood and Co. at both tournaments didn't hurt their chances either. At Wasaga Beach it was another controlled, skillful

approach as the Huskies downed the Orangeville A.E. Flyers 6 - 1; collected a bounty on the Shelburne Wolves 6 - 3 (not an easy win even though someone wise-cracked "they should stick to fiddling"). They escaped from the Beaverton "game" 4 - 0 with fortunately all players still physically intact.

"The Beastie Boys" play the game like a slice-and-dice Veg-o-matic run amok and someone may have to pull the plug on this team soon. Their coaching philosophy is a seriously flawed travesty and has no place in any league. The Huskies have two remaining games against "The Blades", in Beaverton and could be the ones to reach for that cord. It's a sad day for the great game of hockey when it's cheapened by hooliganism. Enough sermonizing? Okay. The PeeWees are back in action at Dysart today at 7:00 p.m. against Millbrook - the only team in the league they have lost a game to - so far. Should be fun.

NORDIC NOTES

You can ski the Net for all the latest on Nordic trails

by BLAKE PATON

If you ever wonder why I seem to be on top of all the current Canadian and European ski news, all I need to say is: "I ski the Net". Most results and news are now available on the Internet, at least for those who have access to this new medium. I will try to feature an Internet tidbit each week, and this week it pleases me to announce the launch of the only Internet web-page written by me. Find it at:

<http://www.halhinet.on.ca/nordic>

This page features a Haliburton Nordic Trails snow report, a link to Environment Canada for the latest weather update, and ski club information. It will soon feature a page of links to other interesting ski pages, too. I'd like to thank Halhinet for providing the sponsorship for this page. Please drop me a line with your comments and suggestions about improving the page - my e-mail address is at the bottom of it.

A World Cup race was run December 7th and 8th in Davos, Switzerland. The Finn Mika Myllyla won the men's 10 km. classic, while Bjorn Daehlie finished well down the standings and Vladimir Smirnov didn't start. Meanwhile, Stefania Belmondo of Italy won the women's 5 km. classic. The really big news for Canadians is that our men's relay team qualified for next year's Olympic Games in Japan by turning in a solid performance in the men's 4 x 10 km. classic relay, and this despite the fact that the team just arrived in Europe. I think it's safe to say that our team will produce some outstanding results this year, and you can find updates here.

Hopefully we'll all be enjoying skiing by press time, but the bouncing temperature may frustrate us all for a few days more. When we do get skiing, remember that there is a Haliburton Ski Club event scheduled for the first Friday night of lit skating at the Glebe Park loop. The bonfire and hot chocolate begin at 7 p.m., and extra wood for the fire is appreciated if you have scrap lumber or brush you can bring. I predict that December 19th will be the night, but call Pat to confirm the date at 457-4084.

Potential club members should also take pains to get their Ski Club Membership forms returned with payment by December, the 20th. This qualifies you for the Christmas Draw which features tons of fabulous prizes, plus it prevents last minute hassles like arranging for pickup of passes on short notice. Of course, ski club memberships still offer the best skiing value in the free world, so call Margaret for more information at 754-2351.

Until next time, remember what the great French philosopher Rene Descartes deduced: "I ski, therefore I am."

Rockets battle to tourney overtime

by JOHN MORIN

On December 7, 1996 the Wilberforce Novices travelled to Oakwood to take part in their first tournament.

The boys first took on a team from Oshawa. Not a lot went right for the team in this one as they were handed a 1 - 0 defeat.

WILBERFORCE NOVICES

In the afternoon game the boys played a tough fore-checking team from Kanata. The Rockets came out flying taking an early lead nine seconds into the game on a goal by Steve Meharrie assisted by Kanan Quibell and James Thompson.

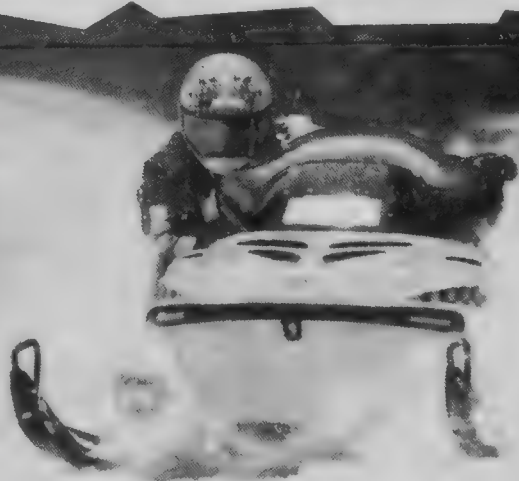
Just over two minutes later the

Rockets went up 2 - 0 on a goal by Kanan. The boys completely dominated this game until late in the third when Kanata tied the score with 35 seconds left.

After a period and a half of overtime, Kanata scored to end the struggle. This was an excellent effort by the Rockets who deserved to win this one.

Echo Sports writers:

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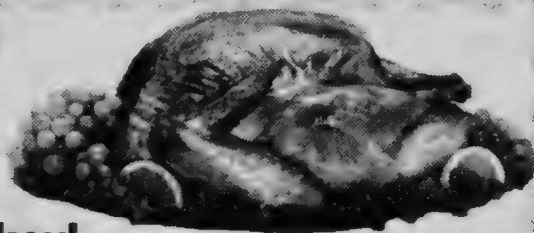
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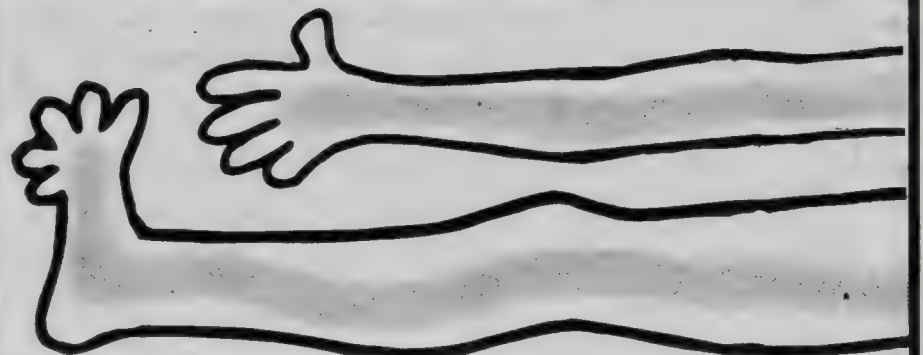
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Huskies' dogged play keeps fans entertained

by DAVE BROWN

After a rare weekend without hockey the Husky 2nd Entry PeeWees made up for it in a hurry.

Haliburton's first game against Woodville saw them gunning for a chance to get a few shots on their friend and ex-teammate Joel Potter. The first period remained scoreless with a slight advantage to Woodville as they out-muscled Haliburton with some heavy hitting. Once in the second the Huskies were backing off a bit, allowing numerous 2-and-3-on-one breaks resulting in a four-goal lead for Woodville. Between periods, the coach must have fired up the Huskies as they came out and played their hard hitting style of Hockey. Woodville scored early in the period but the Huskies kept pressing Woodville and knocking them off the puck. Haliburton got on the scoreboard when Kyle Robinson scored assisted by Matt Brown. Woodville scored one more before the game finished but the Huskies showed that they could stay with the Woodville A team when they stuck to their game plan.

On Saturday the Port Perry A team arrived in Haliburton. Haliburton carried the play for

2ND ENTRY PEEWEES

the first period and went ahead with a goal by Ryan Kirkpatrick set up from Adam Tomlinson and Alex Ambridge. Early in the second, Alex Ambridge was set up in the slot by Justin Sharpley and Darren Kirkpatrick. Unfortunately the rest of the period belonged to Port Perry as

'Between periods, the coach must have fired up the Huskies as they came out and played their hard-hitting style of hockey.'

they scored three goals, two on breakaways. By the 11-minute mark of the third, Port Perry had scored five unanswered goals. Not ready to call it a game, the Huskies picked up the pace and were rewarded when Ryan Emmerson scored Haliburton's third, assisted by Matt Brown and Kyle Robinson. Darren Kirkpatrick and Alex Ambridge

then set up Alex Judge, putting Haliburton within one. With 52 seconds remaining Joel was pulled from the net for an extra attacker. Ryan Emmerson almost tied the game in the last second but the Port Perry goalie came up with the big save. Exciting game.

Off to Oakwood on Sunday to meet the Uxbridge Select team. The Huskies out-hustled Uxbridge in the first but came out down by one. Missed scoring chances and good goaltending kept Haliburton blanked. The second period was scoreless and again the Huskies did not capitalize on their opportunities. The momentum swung to Uxbridge who went ahead by two less than two minutes into the third. Once again the Huskies picked up their play and came within one when Justin Sharpley scored on a nice setup from Alex Ambridge. Unfortunately, the last period had to be played at straight time which hurt the Huskies as they were pressing the Uxbridge team. For the second time in as many days Joel was pulled but it was not to be. Close but no cigar. While not picking up a win over the weekend the Huskies did not quit and certainly kept the fans on the edge of their seats.

Momentum builds as Ops is swept away by relentless rushes

MAJOR TYKE TALK

by VINCE AND CHRIS DUCHENE

We're back! Sorry about missing last week but we didn't have a game. We didn't think you wanted to here about the "Box X" drill in practice, so instead, we'll report on another victory that took place in Haliburton last Sunday against Lindsay Ops.

You could really tell our boys were out of "game" shape. We started very slow and actually remained 0 - 0 until almost the end of the 1st period. Keep in mind, we beat this team 12 - 5 the first time they were in town. Devin Hunter opened the scoring on another patented end to end rush just before the 1st period ended. As the second period began, we could hear voices from the crowd, "look out Shack, Kyle Evans is back", and was he ever. He was smokin' in this game, netting one and assisting on another. His linemates did a great job as well. Max Ambridge netted one and Mitchell Vasey assisted on both Kyle and Max's goals. What a line! Gotta find a name for this line. As the 2nd period ended the score was 3 - 0 for our boys. Ops was never a threat in this game and although Dallyn Smith looked in fine form between the pipes, the boys played an excellent all around defensive game. Cody Hodgson, Tyler Watson and Matthew Duchene added the other 3 goals and each had an assist as well in this contest. Make the final 6 - 1 for our Huskies.

As the year progresses, it is very obvious that we are becoming a very well balanced team. We have a fabulous defensive minded squad and with the likes of Ryan Scheffee, Ian Sachs and Kenton Winn, it will be extremely hard in the second half of the season for any team to out play us. We gave up only 6 shots against Ops and that should say it all.

Until next week, this is Vince and Chris Duchene reporting for the Haliburton Major Tyke Hockey Club.

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Ennismore claims OMHA Atom tournament

Local boys find themselves in tough against five teams from A division communities

by BRYAN BROWN

On December 7th the OMHA Husky Atoms hosted their tournament with eight teams entered. The competition was very tough for the local boys as five of the teams entered were from "A" centres and one from a "B".

In the Huskies' first game they fell behind the Oshawa Little NHL Bruins 3 - 0 early in the second period, then came storming back in a nailbiting 3 - 2 loss. Scoring for the Huskies, who out-shot the Bruins 16 - 1 in the final period were Shawn McInnes from Adam Hutson and Joel Cooper unassisted. Other opening scores were Ennismore 4, Lindsay 0; Port Credit 8, Oshawa Little NHL Canadians 2; and Orillia 4, Brighton 3 in overtime.

In the second round, Haliburton

exploded into a 4 - 0 lead after one period then cruised to a 5 - 2 victory, thus moving them into the C Division Championship. Leading the way for the Huskies with two goals was Shawn McInnes. Ross

Gerry had a goal and two assists while linemates Joel Cooper and Joey Sisson each had a goal and an assist. Defenceman Norm Smith played quarterback in this game picking up three assists, while Mat Manary and Brandon Bowman each added an assist. Defencemen Jeremy Miscio and Josh Brown, although not collecting any points were flawless in their own zone. Other second round action saw Ennismore squeak past the Oshawa Bruins 2 - 1, Brighton overpower the Oshawa Canadians 6 - 1, and

Orillia down Port Credit 4 - 1.

In the tournament's final round, Lindsay took home the "D" division honours by beating the Oshawa Canadians 5 - 1.

Brighton emerged the "C" division winners by beating the local Huskies 9 - 1 (Adam Hutson scoring from Shawn McInnes). The Oshawa Bruins took home the "B" division title with a hard-fought 4 - 1 decision over Port Credit. In the "A" division final it was the tournament's other "C" classed centre Ennismore winning a thrilling 3 - 2 decision over Orillia. This game was decided when Ennismore cashed the game winner with just four seconds remaining on the clock.

The next night the weary Huskies dragged their tired tails

to Omeme and skated away with a very well deserved 3 - 1 win. After falling behind 1 - 0 in the first period Ross Gerry circled out of the left corner and sent a backhand home from Joey Sisson. The Huskies then took the lead on a very similar goal as Adam Hutson circled out of the right corner and lifted a backhand home. Jeremy Miscio and Brandon Bowman drew the assists. The score remained unchanged until the Huskies put it away for good when Brandon Bowman punched in Shawn McInnes' rebound with only 48 seconds remaining. The Huskies' defence of Norm Smith, Mat Manary, Josh Brown and Jeremy Miscio played an excellent game, limiting Omeme to only a handful of scoring opportunities.

OMHA ATOM HUSKIES

PeeWee Cs back-to-back wins

by ROBYN THOMAS

The Husky PeeWee Cs' offense was in high gear in a 5 to 1 win over Fenelon Falls last Saturday. Fenelon scored the first goal, but in less than a minute Matt Gerry flew down the ice and tied the game with an assist from Matt Hutchinson.

The second period had some close checking, with Cory Sisson breaking the game open to score an unassisted goal.

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The Huskies owned the third period. The third goal was a fine effort by Ryan Goldenberg with assists from Cory Sisson and Matt Hutchinson. Cory Sisson scored the fourth goal and was assisted by Jeff Packard and Doug Roswell. The final goal of the night came with Jeff Packard scoring from Ryan Goldenberg.

This was a great team effort with a strong defence by Cory Poole, Doug Roswell and Matt Hutchinson. Ryan Hutson had another steady game in net and worked hard to keep Fenelon out.

Game 2 had the Huskies playing a spirited game against their Minden rivals. The Huskies won 1 - 0.

Ryan Hutson played a terrific game and was rewarded with a shutout.

The only scoring was in the first period, with Ryan Goldenberg scoring on a nifty pass from Jeff Packard.

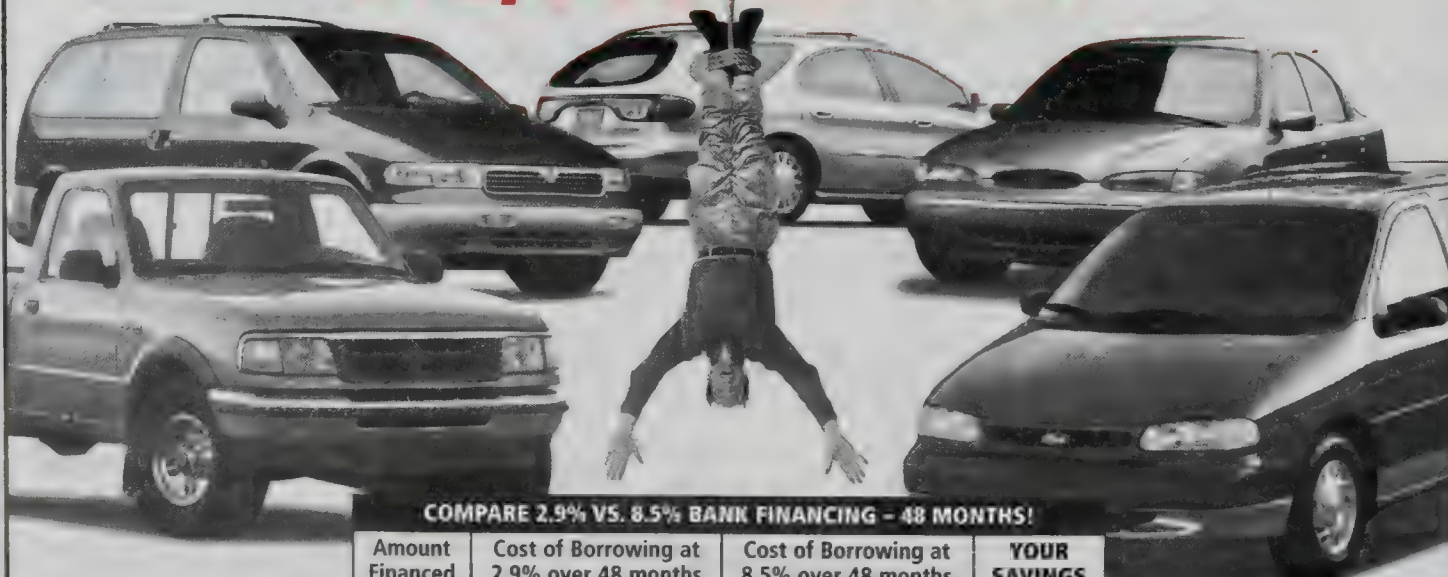
With less than 20 seconds left in the third period, Minden had a great chance to score, but a speedy recovery by Brock Thomas and a great save by Ryan Hutson kept the win alive. Once again the tough defence-work of Matt Hutchinson, Adam Frybort, Doug Roswell and Cory Poole kept the opponents on their

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Tuesday Night Mixed, December 10

Men: High Average - Scott Moore, 223; High Single - Norm Goldenberg, 233; High Single HC - Norm Goldenberg, 263; High Triple - Paul Perrault,

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Fast pace produces a win

by ANDREA DONALDSON

On Thursday night the Novice A Huskies travelled to Bobcaygeon. Missing from the squad were Tim Pettit and Josh Fick. Helping us out was Dylan Metcalfe and Jenny Perrott, both doing a fine job. The team was tired as they have had a lot of hockey, and a long day at school. Final score: 3 - 3. Scorers were Calvin, one goal, one assist; Adam, one goal; Jesse, one goal, one assist; Aaron, one assist; Justin, one assist; and Tim, one assist.

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On Saturday they travelled to Minden. The Huskies picked up their usual fast pace with excellent forechecking and backchecking and Chris being solid in net. Passing was awesome with forwards using the point quite well. The boys showed their excellent skills with another victory, 5 - 2. Scorers were: Aaron, two goals, three assists; Matthew, one assist; Jesse, two goals, two assists; Jono, one goal, two assists; Josh, one assist; and Justin, one assist.

On Sunday at home the Novice As played Woodville, once again passing being the strong point. Adam tried some fancy passes between his legs; Aaron, Jesse, Jono, showed their passing skills around the net; Kevin and Calvin were awesome in those corners; Tim, Justin, Matt and Josh played an excellent defensive game.

Scorers were Jesse, with a hat trick and one assist; Calvin, two goals, one assist; Tim, two goals, one assist; Kevin, one goal, three assists; Adam, one goal, two assists; Jono, one goal; Aaron, two assists; Matt, one assist; Josh, one assist. Final score: 10 - 2.

Tyke Rockets outscore Manvers 5-0

by SANDY JOHNSTON

On Friday, December 6, the Minor Tyke Rockets travelled to Manvers for a 7 p.m. game - their first since moving to the Minor Tyke division.

Andi Donaldson started the Rocket scoring with a beauty goal nine minutes into the game. Adam DeCarlo scored a nice hat trick in the second period. Congratulations Adam! Also, congratulations Julian on your first assist of the year. I'm sure there will be a lot more.

Still in the second, Andi got his second unassisted goal of the game. Goalie, Jeremy Orth was terrific in net stopping three breakaways, resulting in a well-deserved shutout. Way to go Jeremy! Josh Townsend, Travis MacKay, Jesse Tallman and Matthew Johnston all contributed to a great win for the Rockets. Final score: Rockets 5 - Manvers 0.

Way to go guys. Keep up the good work. Now that the new schedule is out there will be a lot more travelling and I'm sure a lot more wins.

MORE COUNTY BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS

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593; High Triple HC - Walter Franke, 709. Women: High Average - Cathy Snell, 200; High Single - Gail Goldenberg, 212; High Single HC - Bess Cox, 282; High Triple - Alice Balcombe, 468; High Triple HC - Bess Cox, 667.

Thursday Seniors, December 12
Men: High Average - Ray Lymer, 193; High Single - Ray Lymer, 326; High Single HC - Ray Lymer, 352; High Triple - Ray Lymer, 654; High Triple HC - Wayne Beer, 729. Women: High Average - Carolyn Beer, 171; High Single - Alice

Smallwood, 202; High Single HC - Alice Smallwood, 254; High Triple - Alice Smallwood, 509; High Triple HC - Alice Smallwood, 665.

636 Legion (Mixed), December 14
Men: High Average - Fred Knight, 197; High Single - Jim Hindle, 236; High Single HC - Ed Deeks, 290; High Triple - Jim Hindle, 566; High Triple HC - Ed Deeks, 739. Women: High Average - Georgina Parkes, 166; High Single - Estella Burch, 231; High Single HC - Estella Burch, 298; High Triple - Maxine Cross, 496; High Triple HC - Estella Burch - 674.

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Novice B Huskies starting to buckle down as defense gels

by GREG METCALFE

On December 7 Novice B Huskies travelled to Minden and came away with a hard-fought, 3 - 0 win. Adam Trueman earned another shutout.

Jamie Timbers opened the scoring with his first goal of the season, assisted by Dylan Metcalfe; second goal scored by Dylan Metcalfe, assisted by Josh Mayhews; third goal scored by Dylan, unassisted.

The next day we hosted Bobcaygeon and skated to a 9 -

NOVICE B HUSKIES

2 win. We tried a new line combination and it clicked in a big way. Goal scorers were: three goals, Kevin Crofts; two goals, Dylan Metcalfe; singles to Greg Nimigon, Clayton Hodgson, Jamie Timbers and Josh Mayhew; assists to Dylan (four); Kevin (two), and singles to Benton Brown, James Jowett, Josh, Clayton and Jeff Burk.

On December 14 our only nemesis this year, Mariposa, came to our house. The previous

two meetings were one-sided losses. It was time to buckle down. We got off to a rough start with Mariposa scoring in the first minute. The team shook that off and got that one back midway through the third, Dylan Metcalfe scoring from Kevin Crofts and Josh Mayhew. They scored two late goals. Final: 3 - 1. Adam (Cujo) Trueman played awesomely along with the defence of Ryan Bottum, Josh Mayhew, Connor MacMillan and Jeff Burk. Great effort Huskies.

End to end play produces win for hard working Bantam Rockets

by SUE CLARKSON

We forgot to welcome a new player to our team, but not at all new to hockey. Jason Kemp, a PeeWee A player from Bancroft, is a most welcomed addition to the Wilberforce Bantams defence line.

The Bantam's game against Ops started off with a lot of end to end traffic but by the halfway point of the first, the Rockets dominated. Defenceman Corby Semple started the scoring off with two hard slapshots from the blue line in just over a minute. The Ops crew brought the score to within one with a goal early in the second, only to have another one of our defencemen, Jason Kemp, walk in from the blue line and bulge the twine with his first goal of the year as a Rocket, assisted by Ricky Huffman. Then we were entertained by a nice passing play

between Corby and Jason Woodcox to put it away. Ops had some good chances in the second but Tyler Stire stoned them. The third period started with no break and Ron Pettit went end to end to score a short-handed goal, impressing the crowd with his deeking ability. Halfway through the third, Adam Clarkson fought through the defence scoring as he fell in front of the net. (Almost all the goals were assisted though the score sheet didn't indicate that.) Ops netted one more with only a minute left in the game. Final score: Rockets 6 - Ops 2.

Congratulations to Lindsey Logan who tangled up the opposition a number of times in this game and continues to get scoring chances. Ian Brown, Ricky Huffman, Asia Mangan, Garrett Kemp, Adam Passaretti and Shane Parks also contributed to this win.

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Lorne Chester sees PC's rising to top of the class

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

In the 1993 federal election, the Progressive Conservatives were given a humiliating lesson in Canadian politics when only two of its candidates were elected.

Lorne Chester, the Lindsay lawyer who is once again seeking the PC nomination for Victoria-Haliburton, says he and the party learned their lesson well. Not only that, he says they're ready to graduate at the top of the class by winning back voters in the election expected next year.

"The main thing (we learned) was to listen," he said Thursday morning as he announced his second bid for the PC nomination in Victoria-Haliburton. "People were angry in '93 and the party failed to listen."

The local riding was in step with this sentiment. Although small-c conservatism attracted the majority of votes, they were split between the PCs and Reform Party, allowing Liberal John O'Reilly to come up the middle and win.

Asked if he considered the Reform Party to be his biggest threat once again in the next election, Chester said "I'm going after everyone - Reform, Liberals, disaffected NDPers, to people who were so angry they didn't vote."

Since Reform's strong showing in the last election, its popularity has declined, Chester says. "They're regionalized. They haven't been an effective opposition. My main target is Chrétien and John O'Reilly and the Liberals who voted for Chrétien based on promises and have been left down."

In the last election, Chester says he often had the Liberals' Red Book waved in his face. This time around, this time he's waving it, only he wants to use it to say most of its contents have not been realized.

"Has your lot in life been any better than it was three years ago? The Liberals talk about creating opportunities, but it hasn't been there. We need a climate for businesses and people to have confidence. It's having a goal. It's creating a climate of opportunity - give us something to believe in so there's more money to give employees."

If elected, Chester says he's committed to sticking with the Conservatives' program, in which he believes even more strongly after attending the PCs' convention in Winnipeg. He says the people's message to government is "do what you say you're going to do and stick with it. There might be some mistakes but do what you say you're going to."

Here's how he stands on some of the issues as outlined at his press conference at the Wigamog on Thursday:

• **The deficit:** "We just can't afford to keep spending the way we've been spending. It's all coming from you and I."

He'd take a few pages from the books of Ontario Premier Mike Harris and Alberta Premier Ralph Klein. One comment on the Ontario experience, however, is that the PCs are perhaps going too quickly. "You've got to listen to people and give them the opportunity to be heard."

• **The economy:** This is a beautiful riding, so why aren't more businesses opening here? Two of his three daughters are "on hold trying to get jobs in the careers they've chosen. I'm living first hand what youth have been going through the past few years... The federal PC policy is to decrease government spending and cut taxes to create growth."

• **Gun control:** "It's the gun registration part (of new federal laws) that has people up in arms. Registration is another layer of bureaucracy. It won't do anything effective at all. It's government infringing on the lives of Canadians."

"Gun registration won't stop the (December 6 massacre of 14 young women by Marc Lepine) from happening. It's gun control you want to look at. Look at what they did with impaired driving. The same can be done with weapons and guns - you don't misuse weapons and guns because that scares people."

"There should be no discretion. If you commit a crime with a gun, period, you're gone. Jail for five years. Give people the impression that if you use guns to commit an offense, you're gone. If (a lawful gun owner) gets drunk and uses a gun, the wrath of society should come down as hard."

• **Crime control:** For nine years, Chester was the prosecutor in cases involving drugs. If dealing with a serious drug dealer, he often asked for two years less a day instead of four years. Why? "If I said four years they'd go to a federal institution and get out in six months. At a provincial institution (for two years), he'd do two-thirds harder time. It should be jail time and it shouldn't be easy time."

• **On being a Canadian:** "A Canadian is a person who's tolerant to a point, and in some ways we've reached that point, respects other people and property, and respects their rights but knows their responsibilities..."

"If you want to come to this country and benefit, then you're a Canadian. You can still enjoy your traditions but you're here with us now... Diversity is what makes us a great country... but make sure our traditions and heritage are emphasized."

The following is a brief curriculum vitae:

• fifteen years on Lindsay town council and 10 on Victoria County council, including a term as warden

• member (some past, some present) of the Chamber of Commerce, library, homecoming committee, Lindsay Recreational Commission, Ross Memorial Hospital Board of Governors, Lindsay Hydro Commission, Lindsay Water Board, Children's Services steering committee, board of



PC hopeful Lorne Chester

police commissioners, Entrepreneur Centre for the Victoria County Board of Education, and Royal Canadian Legion

• awarded Rotary Club of Lindsay 1996 Vocational Service Award for his work on Wilson Park

• was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1985; was appointed to the Official Guardian's Personal Rights Panel representing children in custody and access disputes; and in 1993 was named president of the Victoria-Haliburton Law Association

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Minden limits its share of county 'efficiency' study

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Minden will help pay for a county-wide "efficiency analysis" of each municipality, but decided to limit its financial commitment to a maximum of roughly \$2,500.

In a proposal brought forward by County Warden Murray Fearrey, all municipalities have agreed to share the costs of hiring a consulting company to examine their books in a line-by-line comparison of their spending patterns.

But a number of councils have grown concerned that there may be additional costs to the project that they had not anticipated.

When the proposal was originally announced county councillors were told the study would cost \$15,000 at the outside.

However, in a project overview he sent each municipality, consultant David Barber requests that his firm be given payments of \$5,000 on December 6, December 27, January 17 and a

date to be determined later "if other work is required."

Barber goes on to say that municipalities will be billed for any work they request that is not covered under original project on an hourly basis.

The potential for additional costs has drawn a red flag from municipal councillors.

In a December 5 letter he sent Barber, Fearrey says, "concern has been expressed ... that the original upset limit of \$15,000 may be exceeded. Input received from several of the municipalities indicates that we MUST keep expenditures within the \$15,000 projection, including all printing, travel, disbursements, etc."

Councillor Daryl Moore questioned who's actually in charge of the project.

"The county is saying this is not their project, they're not running it ... Yet a letter goes out (to the consultant) with the warden's name on it on county letterhead. So who's running it?"

Municipal truck stolen to help in Minden LCBO break-in

Although details were sketchy at press time, there was a break-in at the Minden LCBO store on Saturday night/early Sunday

morning. The thieves apparently stole a municipal truck to haul their booty away. The police report wasn't available.

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Christmas Office Schedule

The Department of Social Services, Administration, Land Division and the Roads Department will be closed for the Holidays commencing Christmas Day and will reopen January 2, 1997. The Roads Department telephones (705)286-1762 are answered 24 hours per day in the case of an emergency.

We would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season and all the best in 1997.



Visitors to the Science Fair hosted by students at JDHES last Thursday learned a lot from the interesting displays. (Ivory gets clothes the cleanest, generic band-aids stick better than the more expensive brand-name ones, and Crest toothpaste just doesn't cut it on tile stains, according to the students' research.) In these photos, Jesse Dickson undergoes Jamie Leighton's tongue test, at left, while above, Harvey the hamster delights Christopher and Catherine Judge at a display devised by Amelia Ambridge and Abby-Blythe Hagerman

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Tory Hill battle may escalate

by KERRY RILEY
Special to The Echo

The following are brief excerpts of the discussions held by Monmouth Council, December 9.

Sylvia Miller, of Miller's Victory in Tory Hill, advised council on the status of her negotiations with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario regarding drainage problems and safety concerns created at her store, as a result of the Hwy. 121 upgrading. She described what she believed to be evasive delay tactics by the Ministry. No satisfactory solution has been achieved and Ms. Miller plans to pursue the matter in the courts.

Council was somewhat taken aback, having recently received a letter from the office of the Minister of Transportation, advising them that an agreement had been negotiated to the satisfaction of all parties. Miller assured them that this was not so.

Council agreed to notify Al Paladini, again, by letter, of their dissatisfaction with the current situation.

Marine Severance Debate

Stan Flemming and Dennis Simmons, representing the Ministry of Natural Resources, approached council to discuss a request to purchase marine allowance associated with a private hydro power plant project at High Falls. The MNR representatives noted that should the project collapse because of undue delays in securing land rights, Monmouth would lose a significant source of tax income. They also pointed out that if Monmouth insisted on retaining ownership of the allowance, the township, as a property owner, could be liable for, as an example, any water damage that might result from efflu-

ent discharge from plant.

Councillor Wren Hughes wondered if this was merely an attempt to frighten Monmouth into relinquishing its claim to the land. Council decided to confer with its legal advisors before making a final decision.

Support for Heritage Guild formalized

In sympathy with the Heritage Guild's wish to secure long-term local control of the historic Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost building, Council granted the Guild a 20-

year lease. Financial support was also renewed.

In brief

In other matters, resolutions were passed to renew fire agreements with both Dysart and Cardiff. It was decided to proceed with Tory Hill Fire Department building renovations based on a cost estimate presented by Councillor Jim Deterling. Wilberforce resident Hilda Clark received permission to organize an adult week-day skating period at the local arena, on a trial basis.

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Sunday, December 22nd

8:00 a.m. St. George's - Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's - Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. St. Margaret's - Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. St. George's - Morning Prayer & children's Christmas presentation

7:30 p.m. Community service of Carols & Lessons at South Wilberforce United Church

Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m. St. George's - Family service of Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. St. George's - Carols & Holy Eucharist

11:00 p.m. St. Andrew's - Carols & Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas

10:00 a.m. St. Margaret's - Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29th

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. St. George's - Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's - Carols & Lessons

9:00 a.m. St. Margaret's - Holy Communion

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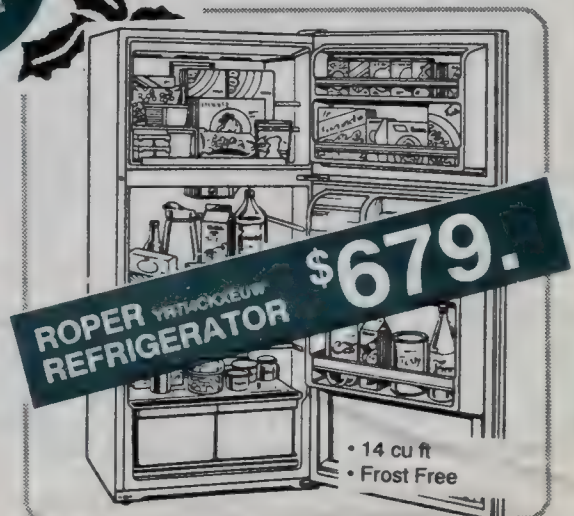
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THE BEST OF THE HIGHLANDS

Highlander of the Year lets his actions speak louder than words

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

For Bob Thompson, it has always been an important part of his faith to make sure that his actions speak louder than words. And since he therefore has such little experience in talking about the things his faith has led him to do, it's not surprising that his reaction to being chosen the Highlander of the Year was summed up with one word — "Wow!"

Thompson, who's known to most people through his work with the 4Cs, was given the coveted award at Tuesday night's annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the Wigamog Inn. He was the only one in the room who was taken aback by the distinction.

It was almost impossible for him to speak when Doug Mitchell read out the faxes from family and friends, congratulating him for the honour and apologizing for not being there to watch him receive it. (His wife

and partner Lyn was with their son and daughter-in-law, who was expecting a baby that day.)

The Rev. Harry Morgan of the Haliburton United Church called Thompson "the perfect pick." Thompson is always supportive, willing and joyful, Morgan wrote, and has worked tirelessly for the 4Cs and the integrity of the church.

Daughter Karen said her father "has worked all his life to make life easier for the less fortunate" and while she was proud of his award, "I'm more proud of you for who you are, what you are and that you're my dad." As Karen's son said when he was told the news, "we know the most specialish guy in Haliburton, don't we Mom?"

"He always had time to show me something," writes his nephew Bob. Lessons were in how to be a good person, and that included fishing and appreciating nature. Being with his uncle gives Bob "a warm feeling in my heart... There was never a time I felt I was in the way. You shaped me and made the good

parts of me grow."

A son in Ottawa recommended that Thompson "come out of retirement and get a job so you have more free time."

In accepting the award, which was presented by the Chamber's Carol Dewey, an emotional Thompson gave credit to his wife. "I have one tremendous wife. I could never have achieved a lot of my dreams and goals if it had not been for her. I had a lot of help; it's not just me."

The following is a copy of the presentation.

This year, the Board of Directors, and the citizens of Haliburton County, have chosen a most unique individual as Highlander of the Year. He is one of those people who so rarely pass through this life. They work their entire life, quietly and unfettered, for their fellow man. It has come time for us to pause, and recognize Bob Thompson.

Bob Thompson was born on Dec. 23, 1926 in London, Ont.

See HIGHLANDER page 26



Highlander of the Year, Bob Thompson

There's always service with a smile at Agnews Store



SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT: Agnews Store in Wilberforce, which recently celebrated its 75th anniversary, was chosen as the Business of the Year by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Receiving the award from Larry Tupling are, from left,

Murray Agnew with daughters Wynn and Mary, employee Jennifer Anderson, brother Ross and daughter Cathy. The rest of the clan was still minding the store, which was about to be re-opened after the completion of a new addition.

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

During the Agnew family's "acceptance speech" at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday, Mary Barker said that being awarded the Business of the Year was the perfect birthday present for her.

As soon as she said that, her father's mouth fell open. "Oh no, I forgot," Murray Agnew blushed.

"It's okay," Mary said, "there wasn't time today."

Making time for birthdays and holidays has always been difficult for the Agnews, which is part of the reason why their store in Wilberforce was chosen as the county's business of the year for 1996. They don't so

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Agnews Store stresses service and selection

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much own Agnews Store; they live and breath it.

Tuesday had been a particularly busy day for the family and staff. A long-planned addition had just been finished and they had been working round-the-clock over the weekend to get everything back into the new addition. But there was barely enough room for them to manoeuvre, so while half of the clan was at Wigamog to accept the special award, the other half was back at their Wilberforce store grunting and groaning as they tried to shift everything back into place.

"We're getting ready for the next 75 years," Barker said, referring to the store's recent 75th anniversary.

In accepting the award, her father gave the tribute to the people of Wilberforce. "We've been blessed not only by God but also by the community," said Murray Agnew, who also doubles as the village's postmaster.

He laughed when he remembered some of the things his family dug up as they prepared a display in honour of the store's anniversary. The display, which later moved to the Wilberforce Outpost Museum (which Cathy Agnew helped to found), included a letter from the high school principal suspending Murray's brother Gary for two weeks. Next to it was displayed the *Echo* article lauding Gary Agnew as the Chamber's second Highlander of the Year. (Gary died several years ago.)

"Gary was the family's mover and shaker and doer of things," said Murray, who still peppers his speech with "oh golly" and "gosh", indications of the gentle nature which runs through the entire family.

The following is the shortened speech given by the Chamber's Larry Tupling in announcing the award.

Fred Agnew, agent for the I.B. & O. Railway, married Ellen Dixon in Gooderham in July of 1913. Seeing that the days of the I.B. & O. were soon coming to an end, Fred, Ellen and son Ross moved to Wilberforce, from

Bancroft, to work in the employ of S.W. Reynolds. Reynolds owned a combination store at the present-day location of the fire hall.

The following year, Reynolds could see that two families could not live off the business, so young Agnew was afforded the opportunity to buy Reynolds out. Soon after the railway decided to destroy the building they were in, so Fred Agnew bought the Malloy store at the top of the hill, just a hundred yards from where the present store is located. Murray was born in 1924 and Gary in 1935. They were predeceased by a sister.

In the early days, the store stocked everything: cretonne, flannel, clothes, boots, stockings for Sundays and cotton stockings for week days. Everything you needed for the house was also available. The Agnew boys grew up in the business. The store in Wilberforce was operated, over the years, by Murray and Gary while Ross and his wife Vikki, bought a store in Gooderham.

As in most communities, Agnew's store gained its loyalty and respect during the Depression. They allowed people to run credit and pay when and how they could.

Things picked up with the arrival of cottaging. The first to arrive were the fishermen.

Good times ended, however, on a cold night in 1938. Fire destroyed the family store. As times had been difficult and Fred had needed an operation, not all insurance policies were maintained. With financial protection, the Agnews built the new store on the present location.

In the years since then, Agnews has simply continued on the way it always has, emphasizing service and an incredible selection of products.

In the early 1940s, the Ice Cream Parlour was approximately where the Post Office is today. Ice cream came in on the train, packed in dry ice, inside kapok containers. It was quickly transferred to the store's wooden ice cream chest. Twice daily the case had to be packed with alternating layers of chipped ice and salt. The ice cut from the lake in March, was stored in the ice house.

By the mid 1950's, it was time for an expansion of the store. The idea of "self-serve" was catching on and room was needed to display goods from out behind the counter. The Agnews bought into National Grocer's Red and White Programme. The programme was dropped in the mid 198's but people still call it the Red and White.

The Agnew family has served the community well. They provided food to the needy, shelter from the storm and a place to meet. They took part in their church, their local government and their village's social life. The Chamber is proud to have chosen Agnew's General Store of Wilberforce as Business of the Year for 1996.

Highlander of the Year

FROM page 25

Upon graduation from the Kemptville Agricultural College in Ontario and the McDonald Agricultural College in Quebec, Bob became a junior partner in the Rideau Fruit Farm at Manotick, Ont. Later, wanting to be on his own, he started his own farm in Carsonby, Ont. Carsonby also has another food memory for Bob because, here, in 1952, he married his wife and life-long partner and friend, Lyn.

Following, he became a partner in Arkona Orchards. Even some time later, Bob was involved in the sale of agricultural chemicals in Forest, Ontario.

Bob is an excellent swimmer. While in Halifax, he was a lifeguard at the Waegwoltic Swim Club. Bob enjoyed basketball and played throughout his school career. Bob was well grounded in Sunday School as a youngster and has taught Sunday School for over 40 years, while, running youth groups at various stages in his life. Bob is a good fisherman and hunter. He has a camp where he hunts with his four sons and his favourite dog, each year.

Bob's and Lyn's lives look a very major change when Bob helped found the Circle R Boys Ranch at Cookstown, Ontario. Here, Bob was the Executive Director. Bob's thrust all his life was to work with young people. As director of the Circle R Boys Ranch, a short-term facility for disturbed youth, Bob and Lyn lived on the ranch with their family. By this time they had six children. The ranch facility provided for 22 boys at any time. Over his term of approximately 17 years, Bob and Lyn saw a substantial number of young men, over 200, have their lives turned around as a result of the Thompsons' tireless efforts. Many of these boys, now men, still keep in touch, giving credit to them as having provided good Christian values to the residents.

When Bob and Lyn retired from Circle R it was renamed the Robert Thompson Child & Family Centre.

Since coming to Haliburton County, Bob and Lyn have continued their Christian witness. The Thompsons are a major driving force behind the 4Cs operation, strong members of the Haliburton United Church, members of the Messiah Choir, the church choir as well as finding time to be an excellent pianist. Bob also sits on many local committees involving youth and transportation for seniors.

As Dick Thompson said on Saturday, my brother and I think that Bob is a very special guy. Well, so do the residents of Haliburton County.

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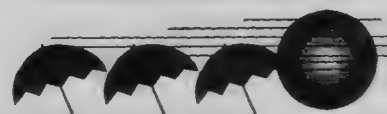
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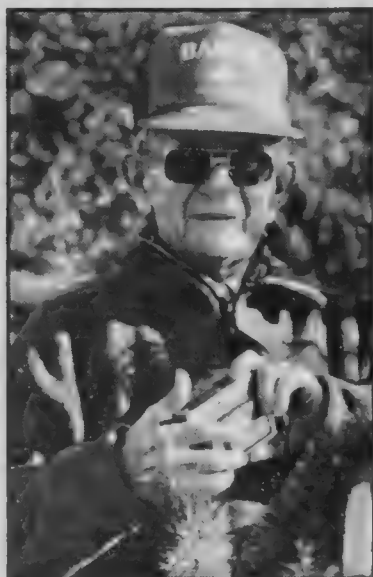
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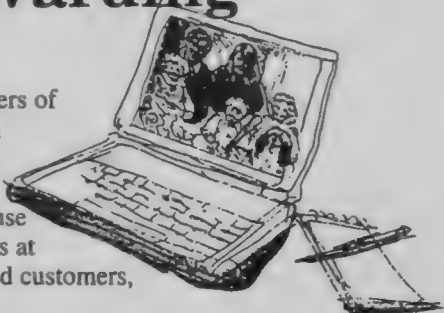
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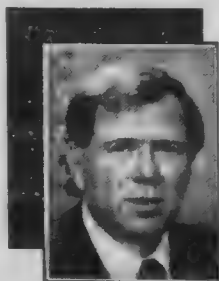
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An experience of a lifetime

by TASHA MOORE
HHSS Co-op Student

WHEN TERESA JAGO first came to Canada last January, she didn't know she would have so many new experiences. Canada is a long way from her home in Queanbeyan, Australia.

Teresa's first thought when she came here as an exchange student was that she was in a scene from "Grumpy Old Men."

"Just living in the snow was a big shock, and the winter went on forever. I thought the lake would never melt," says Teresa, who had to leave this place of ice and snow to fly home today.

From watching the Minden dog sled races to working at a YWCA in Calgary for a month, Teresa has done it all. She even went to Los Angeles to go to Disney and the Hard Rock Café.

In Montreal, Teresa went on a trip for exchange students and saw the Bio Dome, Mt. Royal and the Old Port. Niagara Falls was interesting. She watched the falls, strolled along the boardwalk, and glimpsed the beautiful floral clock.

Teresa spotted her first moose on her way home from Algonquin Park. Other animals that she saw for the first time while she was in Canada were a skunk, chipmunks, squirrels, beavers, and deer. Her favorite were the moose and the beaver.

Teresa has come to enjoy many new things such as hockey. "I love watching it! It's an awesome game."

She was lucky to be on the Redmen soccer team this year at school, and she really enjoyed it. Teresa likes football better than rugby now. She was lucky



On her last day at HHSS, Teresa Jago gets a kiss goodbye from two of the friends, Brianne Hewitt and Katrina Robinson, she made during her year in Haliburton on exchange. Her friends introduced her to some of the joys of Highlands living, such as snowmobiling, skating, ice fishing and canoeing (in different seasons, of course)

enough to go to Waterloo to watch Laurier play Western.

Once, Teresa went on an overnight canoe trip at Haliburton Forest. There were many exchange students from different places. Some of

Teresa's friends from HHSS joined her.

Winter is not a season filled with blowing snow where Teresa lives in Australia. She has adapted to it well with the help of some of her friends. One friend

taught her how to ice skate at the Minden arena. This was scary for her at first. "It's weird because it's hard to get your balance and your feet are sliding."

Mandy Harrison and Jami Swinson took Teresa ice fishing. Teresa would have enjoyed that more if she hadn't ripped her pants in the process.

Even though Teresa has been snowmobiling before, she became the driver for the first time. She finds it scary snowmobiling on the lake, not knowing if the ice will give way or not.

Everywhere that Teresa went she shopped. Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, Newmarket, Peterborough, Oshawa...

Now that Teresa is on her way home, she will be going back to a school where everything is different. Even the structure. One thing that she missed about her school was that in Australia, senior students had more privileges than at HHSS. They were treated with respect by everyone, more than the junior students.

When Teresa gets home, she will crack open a jar of "Veggiemite" and spread it on some bread, go soak up the sun on the beach with her friends and catch up with her family. She has missed her little sister a lot and will be happy to see her again.

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TSW welcomes marketing suggestions

All lines are open to tell the Trent-Severn Waterway what you think about marketing the system. You can call toll free, fax, use the internet, mail, or courier. Along with a series of stakeholder workshops, these are all parts of the communication network that has been established to involve as many people as possible in the development of a Strategic Marketing Plan for the Trent-Severn Waterway. Work on the plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of February.

A consulting team lead by the Tourism Company has been

hired to work with Waterway staff. As D'Arcy McKittrick, a principal with the Tourism Company, explains: "the primary purpose of this plan is to provide a cohesive, integrated strategic approach to all TSW marketing activities. It will provide focus for those who work for the Waterway, and for the stakeholders, partners and public it serves. Certainly management is being challenged to raise more revenue from operations, but beyond that, as a National Historic Canal, the Waterway is not well-known to Canadians and international travelers who

are potential visitors."

Approximately 40 Waterway stakeholders, including staff, tourism operators, Chambers of Commerce, provincial government, boaters and shoreline landowners, attended the first of three workshops on November 19 in Peterborough. At the end of the evening, a list of key marketing challenges or issues; and some potential solutions were identified.

From now until the next meeting on January 9, the consultants will be gathering and reviewing research about the level and types of activities currently hap-

pening on the Waterway, as well as what kinds of new opportunities exist.

Anyone interested in contributing to the plan is encour-

aged to "plug-in" to the project communication network. The toll free telephone line number is 1-800-577-1933. Faxes can be sent to 743-7348 or 742-9644.

Training board continues with its outreach

The Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland, Haliburton Training Board recently hosted the first in a series of "Town Hall" meetings in Haliburton County. The Board was encouraged by the turnout of representatives from business, labour and educators/trainers from the Haliburton County area.

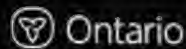
A brief introduction to the Board and committee structure

and function was presented to bring the participants up to speed on what the community role is to be. The remainder of the afternoon involved the gathering information about the training and adjustment programs presently in the county, forecasting future needs, determination of possible barriers to training, and suggestions for making training and adjustment

programs work for the community at large.

Watch your local paper for dates, times and locations for future community outreach by the KLNH Training Board.

For more information, please contact the KLNH Training Board, 113 Park Street S., P.O. Box 72, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Y5. Phone: 1-800-340-0111, Fax: (705) 749-1453.



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Please include the name of the nursing home and quote Project #185-97 on all written submissions.

The Director will consider all submissions before making a final decision.

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The Proposed By-law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Municipal Office in the Township of Stanhope on the 8th day of January, 1997 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent and person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applied to be heard.



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WRITING AWARD WINNERS: The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Foundation recently handed out awards to winners of its annual Marion Drysdale Writing Contest at the high school. This year the students wrote poems and essays about our changing society and how they see their role. Contest winners in the general level writing category were: A.J. Thomas, first; Dori Burke, second; Krissy Houghton, third; and Melissa Rowell, honourable mention. In the advanced level category, winners were: Erin Kernohan, first; Shirleen Dehaan, second; and Mike Hamilton, third. Grade 9 destreamed level winners were: Jennifer Minto, first; and Lucas Merriam, second. In the basic level, a collective prize was awarded to: Russell Snodden, Lisa Burke, Chris Snodden, Wes Fagen, Dustin Wickland, Trudy Bacon, Tammy Abrams and Kate Knight. In the photo with the winners are teachers Michele Shapiera, Trudy Hawthorne, Linda Saul and HHSS principal Gary Brohman.

Carnarvon church part of greeting card series

by ANNE MCKAY

Our sympathies are with the families of the late Mrs. Herb McKelvey, Mrs. Lorne Barry and Glen Hodgson at this time.

The Stanhope Historical Society has made greeting cards with art work by Gerry Palmer

of the older buildings including churches with the history of each on the back. Research was done by Carole Moffatt. They sell for \$4 a package and contain four different pictures, all profits to the historical society. For further information call Geraldine Palmer at 754-3214

or Betty Moffatt at 489-3021.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thomas spent the weekend in Burlington visiting with Mike and Karen Simms and baby.

I would like to extend wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all and thanks to all who phone in news items.

Teens demand Shakespeare!

by TASHA MOORE
HHSS Co-op Student

• Teenagers don't usually beg to see Shakespeare, but many students at HHSS can't wait to see "Romeo & Juliet", the new movie set in modern times but with the Bard's original words. It has been advertised as "coming soon" for so long outside the Molou Cinema, but soon seems to be a long time coming.

Lou Consky, who owns the Molou, says he is not going to show Romeo & Juliet until after the Christmas Holidays because that's the prime time for movies that are great for kids. "Space Jam" will be first and "Star Trek: First Contact" next.

• Last Friday night was the Christmas semi-formal. The place was all decorated and a fun time was had by all. Although the semi-formal was advertised as the first-ever, some teachers still remember way back to when HHSS had Christmas semi-formals. They even remember having a buffet before the dance.

• When students came back to school yesterday, they found the halls decorated for Christmas, thanks to the SAC. Also on Monday, they played Christmas carols through the halls at lunch hour. Today all students will

wear toques to school. The class with the highest number of toqued students wins a free pizza.

• Wednesday is carol singing in the gym. Students will sing in groups of two, three or four.

• Thursday is wrap your friend day. Students will work in pairs. One partner will wrap the other until no parts are showing. Students race to the end and finish off by putting a bow on the head of the wrapped up their wrapped up partners.

• On Friday, the last school day before Christmas, candygrams will be handed out.

• Last Wednesday, the senior volleyball team went to I.E. Weldon for tournament, including I. E. Weldon, LCVI, Fenelon Falls, Clark and Norwood. Each school played two games against each other. HHSS beat Fenelon Falls and LCVI. Tomorrow the team plays I.E. Weldon again on the road.

• Speaking Loudly won't be coming out this week, as previously announced. The high school newspaper will now be published on a monthly basis. Look for the next issue in January.

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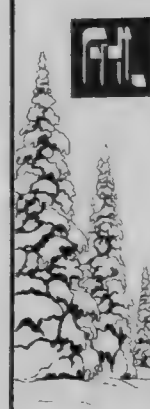
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The Christmas festivities are well under way at Extendicare.

Last Monday night The Worship Team came with several instruments and beautiful singers. The Christmas Gospel was the first for the season.

On Tuesday we had a full day with Bible Study and Bingo. Tose Reid brought a group of Grade 2 children from Victoria Street School to sing Carols. It is a blessing to have the young children here.

In the evening we were again blessed by the children from Pastor Paul Benson's church coming to sing.

Regardless of all the new and exciting things going on in this season we still enjoyed our Trivia with Donna on Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday evening Gord Kennedy was unable to come because of the freezing rain but John Menzies agreed to help out on Gord's behalf.

On Friday morning Harry Morgan brought the beautiful story of Christmas to the Church Service while John played the piano.

We held our Annual Country Christmas on Sunday. Family and friends really support this event, to hear the music by In Harmony, and with good reason. The goodies prepared by the dietary staff were great, and thank you Rose, Bets and John for all your help. Special thanks to the staff

for working so hard to get the residents looking so good for their party.

I must take time to tell you that we had a very successful Christmas Bazaar, November 30th. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

We tell you with sorrow that Blanche Barry, and Doris Colburn passed away last week, but with pleasure announce that Mrs. Pearl Tice and Grace Running have joined our family.

EXTENDICARE

News

Barb Fryer

For those who like to read during holidays, get your books soon

Birthday greetings to Tom Keown and Jessica Reilly.

We had better collect our reading material for the holidays early as the Dorset Library will be closed from December 23, 1996 to January 6, 1997.

The lighting of the Dorset Community Christmas Tree took place on Sunday, December 1 next to the Dorset Fire Hall. It started out a rainy day but fortunately it ceased in time for the ceremony began at 4 p.m. Don Lillow turned on the switch that lit up the tree and it burst into full colour amid loud cheers from the children and adults. There was carol singing led by the Dorset Fire Department and the music rang out over the town.

There was an excellent attendance and they enjoyed hot dogs cooked over two

blazing bonfires. There were also hamburgers and hot chocolate to warm one up.

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

The Municipality of Sherborne with the help of the Dorset Fire Department, was responsible for the event which was a great success and great entertainment for the children (and parents) of the community.

The volunteer group which is dedicated to making the village a more attractive place to live, has done a great job placing decorations on churches, hydro poles, and other places where they beautify the scenery and make the place look Christmasy. They made these decorative boughs and many members of the community helped. Their dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated.

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COMPUTER GRADUATES: Students from Sir Sandford Fleming College's Micro-computer Applications course recently gathered at the home of instructor Sheila Stanchouse to celebrate their graduation. Pictured are, (back, from left) Sheila Stackhouse, Michelle Barkwell, David Burrows, Dee Wruth, Patty Morrison, Suzie Kegel, Joan Brown, (front, from left) Kirsti Reynolds, Jill Reid, Mae Waddell, Leona Crete, Carolyn Mahoney, Jodie Laine, Janice Jowett and Corinne Bailey.

Poem recalls the creativity of young granddaughter

Carrie Drysdale of Minden sent us this poem. Her granddaughter, Jean Morrison, wrote it when she was a teenager.

When Grandpa walks with Gerald and me we have a lot of fun, 'Cause we can't walk as fast as he, unless we skip and run!

I stretch my legs so far, I nearly slip and fall - But how does Grandpa take such steps? He doesn't stretch at all!

Haliburton UCW shares lovely service and bountiful buffet

by ELEANOR HOLMES

On December 9, 45 ladies of the UCW (Haliburton United Church Women) met at the church for their annual Christmas celebration.

Before the bountiful buffet was enjoyed, there was time for punch and chatter. After supper we gathered in the Sanctuary, which was so beautifully decorated and a giant tree sparkling with lights, to enjoy the presentation of "Christmas Angels."

The story was based on angels and how an angel first spoke to Mary and Joseph; angels who

announced the birth of the Christ Child; the angels who spoke to the shepherds and the wise men. The scene was set with angel candles enhancing the beauty of the candlelighting during the scripture readings and the singing of carols.

It was a lovely service and a time to reflect on the importance of Christmas, a unique perspective to this new/old story. Later we enjoyed our sharing of gifts reminding us to share our blessings.

We will meet again on Monday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m.

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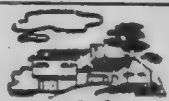
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Food tables turned on Eagle Lake Women

RHUBARB PATCH

Eagle Lake

Ruth Still

754-2602

News from here seems to be either famine as last week, or feast as this week.

On Friday, December 16, Haliburton County Search and Rescue hosted The Eagle Lake Women and available spouses to a pot luck supper at Carnarvon Bowling. As president of S. and R. Jim Chatterton said, "This gives us an opportunity to feed you for a change."

If you enjoy night trudges through mosquito infested woods and swamps, searching for missing people, then S. and R. is the organization for you.

A phone call from their dispatcher giving the location of their base camp trailer, galvanizes the E.L. Women into action. Within the hour sandwiches and goodies are en route to await the return of weary, hungry searchers.

We were touched to receive two plaques, one from S. and R., the other from the O.P.P.: In Recognition of Your Endeavours in the Interest of Providing Meals to Searchers. These plaques will appear in a case at The Eagle Lake Food

Town Store, courtesy of the Baggs.

Other awards presented for effort, dedication and leadership were made to: Kathy Chatterton, Gloria Foster, Daniel Selbie and O.P.P. Sergeant Art Goard.

For the children of Eagle Lake and their leaders the theme of the weekend was "Happy Birthday Jesus". Their float in the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade featured a 10 foot high birthday cake bearing this message.

On Sunday evening the annual Christmas pageant involving 33 youngsters Kindergarten to Grade 5, assisted by an older group of Grade 6 to 8 students, acted out the same message to a packed audience. Thank you children and leaders for this wonderful Christmas gift to our community.

The Rhubarb Committee and devotees met at Silver Eagle Wednesday evening for a pot luck supper, visit and to lay plans for Festival '97. An insurmountable problem is: how to translate 150 home-baked rhubarb pies into 400 or 500 pies.

Eagle Lake Women met Thursday, December 12 for their annual Christmas luncheon, meeting, and summary of the year's activities. For an organization founded in 1937 it still flourishes with 18

members present and an annual expenditure of more than \$2000 on philanthropy in Eagle Lake and Haliburton communities.

To round off the week the Haliburton Silver Flutes had a first Christmas dinner at "Rip's" in West Guilford on Thursday evening December 12. Later they entertained parents and guests with a short concert.

Parents and students have only praise for the group. A weekly lesson is given by Bill Medland and reinforced by school music teachers.

Instruments are supplied: a piccolo, two rare G flutes, drums, and the remainder are orchestral C flutes. Thus their music is harmonized, with solo or harmonized duet parts.

Proceeds from engagements provides bus fare and meals on trips, sheet music, new instruments, new uniforms.

Enthusiasm is high - a totally wonderful experience for these youngsters to learn the joy of music and the experience of group performance.

A fourth edition of the Rhubarb Cookbook and of the *Eagle Lake Story - In the Fullness of Time* are both available at the Eagle Lake Store with autographing Saturday at 11:00.

SIMMS GRADUATIONS



On October 27, 1996, Tracy Simms graduated with distinction from Wilfrid Laurier University with an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration. She is presently employed at Price Waterhouse in Toronto.



On October 25, 1996 Michelle Simms graduated from Georgian College with a three-year Business Administration Accounting (Co-op) Diploma. She is presently employed at the Municipality of Dysart.

Trails are ready when snow arrives

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

The ski notes sparked some interest. Peter Brogden gives the following information: 18 km. of ski trails are available in and around Woodland Ranch, connection being made to Maple Lake United Church for parking there.

December 20 is the deadline for the draw for Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club passes. As snow grows, so to speak, so do the spirits of those who love the

trails and slopes. Peter or Margaret Brogden will be able to supply details. Call 754-2351.

Sympathy of the community goes to the family of Blanche Barry, another link gone into the past of the area. Blanche had lived most of her life in the community and ended her days in the excellent care of Extendicare. She will be missed by her church community as well as by her family.

Woneata Vahey is back from a three-week vacation in Cuba. Woneata is now a three-year permanent resident of the com-

munity, a neighbour to the Don Van Nood household.

Cooks for the men's breakfast at the Centre when Paul Henderson was the guest and speaker were Ray Dodham, Roy Schroter and Bill Picard. Representatives from all churches participated in the planning and presentation of this most successful event which brought so many together.

Congratulations to Marty and Vicky Sisson's son, Bob, who once again proved himself an able actor and great entertainer in the high school's recent drama production.

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280 COMING EVENTS

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musical cantata

**Thursday, December 19th
7:30 p.m.**
St. George's Church,
Haliburton
All are welcome
CA

**Christmas Eve
CANDLE LITE
CAROL SERVICE**

Eagle Lake
Community Church
**Tuesday, December 24
7:00 p.m.
AND 8:30 p.m.**
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At
**AGNES JAMIESON
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Christmas Show
Featuring a display of
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**December 6 - 28
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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
December 31, 1996

at Harcourt
Community Centre
from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Music by
The Gerry Seaboyer Band
Admission: \$13/single
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• Lunch included
• Spot dances • Door prizes
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310 NOTICES

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"DAFFODILS"

A support group for people
who have been or are now
challenged with cancer.

Meeting: Thursday,
December 19, 1996

Place: Haliburton United
Church, Haliburton.

Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Family members welcome.

Contacts:
Jean Casey 457-1010,
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340 BIRTHS

GERMAN - Gregory is pleased
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sister,
CARLEY REBECCA

10 lb., 1 oz.
November 13, 1996
at Royal Victoria Hospital, Bar-
rie. Proud parents, Margie
and Glenn German of Barrie.
Proud grandparents, Alvin and
Helen Newton of Ingoldsby and
Chuck and Arlene German of
Thornhill.

ZAHN - Steve and Angela
(Smith) are pleased to an-
nounce the safe arrival of their
daughter,

JESSICA LYNN
on November 22, 1996
at 9:30 p.m.
7 lbs., 2 oz.
at St. Mary's of the Plains
Hospital, Lubbock, Texas
Proud grandparents are Ken
and Sylvia Smith of Haliburton,
Dick and Frances Zahn of
Virginia Beach, Virginia; and
great grandmothers Mildred
Hayle of Bracebridge, Ontario
and Jessie Perry of Laconia,
New Hampshire.

360 ENGAGEMENTS

John and Carol McNeil are
pleased to announce the en-
gagement of their daughter

**A. KIMBERLY
ANNE MARIE**
to
MICHAEL WAYNE
son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne
Ormiston of Oshawa.

Mari and Mike Simms of West
Guilford are pleased to an-
nounce the engagement of their
daughter,

MICHELLE
to
ERIN
son of Marj and George Nicholls
of West Guilford.

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Passed away
peacefully at Extendicare
Nursing Home, Haliburton
on Wed., Dec. 11, 1996
DORIS COBURN
In her 81st year.

Beloved wife of the late Robert
Coburn. Dear mother of Murray
and his wife Barb of Oshawa,
Sharon and her husband the
late Alex Kernohan of Minden.
Loving grandmother of Sherry
and her husband Keith, Tammy
and her husband Rusty, Susie
and Scott, Lorie and her hus-
band Brian and great grand-
mother of two great grandchil-
dren. Survived by her brother
Richard Kirkwood and his wife
Laura of Minden. Family and
friends visited at the Gordon A.
Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main
St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9
p.m. Friday. Funeral Service
was held in the Chapel on Sat-
urday, December 14th, 1996 at
10:30 a.m. Interment Minden
Cemetery. Memorial donations
to the Minden Hospital Building
Fund would be appreciated by
the family.
CA

AT REST
Peacefully at the
Memorial Hospital in
Bowmanville, Ontario
Wed., December 11, 1996
CLAYTON THEODORE
RUTT

In his 86th year.
Will be sadly missed by special
companion, Thelda. Wonderful
father of Marion and her hus-
band Cecil Hall of Napanee.
Gramps will always be remem-
bered by his 4 grandchildren,
Barbara and her husband Allen
Lyons of Haliburton, Ontario,
Bryan and his wife Cheryl, Jim
and his wife Donna and Jeff
Hall, all of Oshawa, Ontario. Al-
so loved by his 5 great grand-
children, Lynda, Andy, Michael,
Jason and Crystal. Private fam-
ily service was held on the 12th
of December, 1996 at Northcutt
Elliott Funeral Home at Bow-
manville, Ontario. Cremation to
follow.

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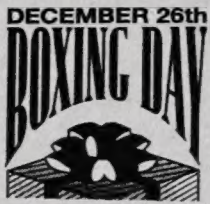


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390 DEATH NOTICES

HODGSON, R. GLEN (Former M.P.P. Victoria-Haliburton) - At his residence on Thursday evening, December 12, 1996 in his 71st year. Beloved husband of Shirley Hamilton. Loving father of Martin and his wife Patricia of Courtland, Keith and Kim of Haliburton, Marianne (Mrs. Dwain Tighe) and Lenard Hodgson, both of Tillsonburg. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Leanne, Curtis and Adam. Dear brother of Doug and Louis, both of Haliburton, Tom of Whitby, Anna English of Haliburton and Margaret Downey of Eganville. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends and family called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. 118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday, December 14, 1996 from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 1996 at 3 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. CA

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400 IN MEMORIAM

COWEN, WINNIFRED - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who passed away December 19, 1994.

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Sadly missed and loved by **Norman, Marie, Lloyd, Ross and Marlene.**

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **Mildred Isobel Archer deceased**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mildred Isobel Archer, late of the Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 12th day of November, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 13th day of December, 1996 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Mildred Isobel Archer. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **Ludger J. Cataford deceased**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Ludger J. Cataford, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 9th day of September, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **Phillip James Corby deceased**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Phillip James Corby, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 3rd day of October, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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Dated at Minden, Ontario this 13th day of December, 1996 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Administratrix of the Estate of Phillip James Corby. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **Nancy Eleanor Crane deceased**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Nancy Eleanor Crane, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of August, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **Arlene Elizabeth Crew deceased**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Arlene

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Elizabeth Crew, late of the Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 1st day of October, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 13th day of December, 1996 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Arlene Elizabeth Crew. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **Leslie Russell Johnson deceased**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Leslie Russell Johnson, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 16th day of November, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Minden, Ontario this 13th day of December, 1996 by

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DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Leslie Russell Johnson. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **Helen Kirkland deceased**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Helen Kirkland, late of the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 27th day of September, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 13th day of December, 1996 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Administrator of the Estate of Helen Kirkland. CA

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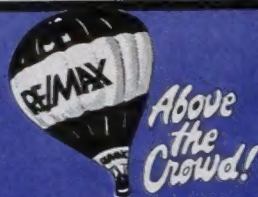
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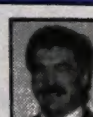
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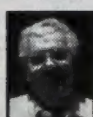
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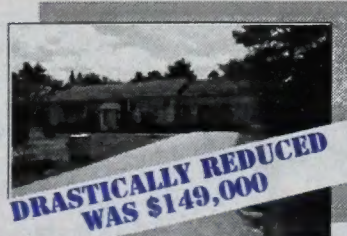
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